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**TRUE**  
CRIMINAL CASE  
HISTORIES!

MIKE, YOU WORRY ME—  
YOU GOT YELLOW WAYS!  
YOU GOT TOO MUCH RESPECT  
FOR THE BLUE BOYS! YOU'RE  
TOO LIABLE TO END UP AS  
A FINGER LOUSE, AN'  
STICK US ALL IN  
THE HOT SEAT!

AN' TELL  
'IM TO LEGGO  
OF MY ARM, OR  
I'LL GIVE IT TO  
HIM, TOO!

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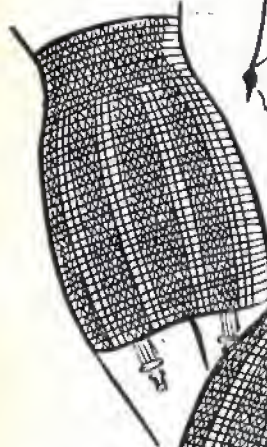
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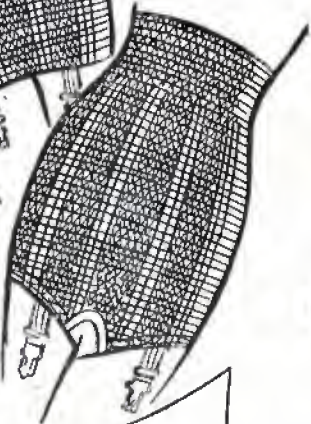
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# EMIL <sup>(the terrible)</sup> RECK

**HIS RAMPAGE OF MURDER CREATED  
THE MOST SHOCKING MONTH OF  
CRIME IN CHICAGO'S HISTORY!**

**ONLY TWO  
EXCUSES FOR  
HUMAN BEINGS  
CALLED HIM A  
"FRIEND"! ONE—  
A HOPELESS  
DRUNKARD, THE  
OTHER, A HERO-  
WORSHIPPING  
'YES-MAN', BUT  
KILLERS ALL!**

WHERE'S  
THE PATIENT?  
OH...TH.THERE  
MUST BE SOME  
MISTAKE! I MUST  
HAVE THE WRONG  
ADDRESS...

NO, YOU  
HAVEN'T, DOC!  
WE'LL PRODUCE  
A PATIENT FOR  
YOU IN A  
MINUTE!

LISTEN  
TO HIM PLAYIN'  
DUMB—AS IF  
HE DIDN'T KNOW  
IT WAS HIM!

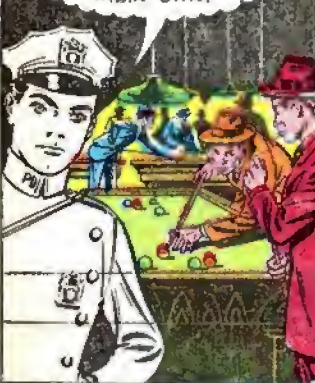
WHENEVER I  
THINK OF TERROR,  
I THINK OF EMIL, THE  
TERRIBLE! EMIL RECK DEFIED  
EVERY LAW OF HUMAN NATURE—  
EVEN THE ASSASSINING OF THE  
JUNGLE STALK THEIR PREY OUT  
OF NECESSITY! EMIL THE TERRIBLE,  
STALKED HIS PREY TO APPEASE  
HIS INSATIABLE HUNGER FOR BRUTE  
AND SAVAGE VIOLENCE! YES, HERE  
WAS ONE TIME I WOULD HAVE  
GIVEN ANYTHING YOUR SIDE OF  
ETERNITY TO HAVE BEEN ALIVE  
AGAIN AND TO HAVE STOOD  
BETWEEN EMIL, THE  
TERRIBLE, AND THE  
RECORD HE WROTE  
INTO MY BOOK OF  
CRIME AND  
PUNISHMENT!

IN  
CONSIDERATION  
OF INNOCENT  
PEOPLE INVOLVED  
AND RELATIVES OF  
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OF SOME CHARACTERS  
DEPICTED IN THIS  
TRUE MAGAZINE  
ARE FICTITIOUS.  
the editors

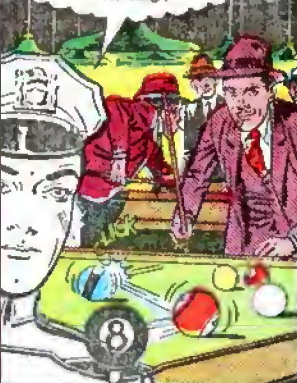
ON 1934, IN CHICAGO, THERE DWELT A YOUTH OF SUCH UNCOMMON FEROCITY THAT HE WAS DUBBED EMIL, THE TERRIBLE, BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM! ONLY TWO EXCUSES FOR HUMAN BEINGS CALLED HIM A FRIEND! DURLAND NASH AND ROBERT GOETHE CLUNG TO EMIL RECK AS SUCKER FISH CLING TO THE BODY OF A TIGER SHARK, GOING WHERE THE SEA TIGER GOES, EATING WHAT HE EATS, SHARING FATE AND FORTUNE WITH THEIR FEROCIOUS BENEFACTOR! THEIR RAMPAGE CREATED THE MOST SHOCKING MONTH OF CRIME IN CHICAGO'S HISTORY!

# OBHEY THE LAW

THIS IS A POOL PARLOR—A PLACE WHERE A LITTLE MONEY BUYS A LITTLE DIVERSION—TO SOME, PERHAPS, BUT NOT TO HOODLUMS TOO POOR TO RENT A DEN OF THEIR OWN!



HERE'S WHERE THESE YOUNG FELONS PLAN THEIR CRIME, WHERE THE CLICKING OF CUES AGAINST BALLS MATCHES THE CLICKING OF IDIOTIC PLANS IN IDIOTIC MINDS!



THICK SMOKE CURLS AROUND THICK SKULLS—HATCHING THICKER PLOTS—LISTEN TO 'EM!

HIC! WE'LL SHOVE IN THE DOOR! IT'LL BE AS EASY AS MAKIN' THIS SHOT!

THIS IS SATURDAY NIGHT—IT'S MOVIE NIGHT! NOBODY'LL BE HOME! THE BACK WINDOW HAS A BROKEN LOCK!



LIQUOR INFLAMES THEIR HOPES TILL THEY SEE BOUNDLESS SUCCESS IN CRIME! IT LOOKS EASY THROUGH GLASSY EYES, BUT ABOUT AS POSSIBLE AS PUTTING 15 BALLS INTO SIX POCKETS WITH ONE SHOT!

NOBODY ELSE CAN, BUT I CAN—LOOKIT—THEY'RE ALL GOIN' HIC! IN!



YA HOPPED UP NUMBSKULL! LOOK WHAT YA DONE TO THE FELT!

LET DURL ALONE, HORSEFACE! HE CAN SCRATCH THE TABLE ANY TIME HE WANTS! HE'S PAYIN' FOR HIS TIME, AIN'T HE? IT AIN'T HIS FAULT IF THE FELT IS HALF ROTTED!



STAY OUTTA THIS, BIG MOUTH! I'LL RUN MY JOINT MY WAY!

MAYBE HORSEFACE DON'T KNOW WHO HE'S TALKIN' TO! HORSEFACE HAS GOTTA LEARN WHO'S WHO, EH?

I'M WITH YA, EMIL!



I TOLD YA TO LEAVE DURL ALONE, BUT YA WOULDN'T LISTEN!

JUST LEMME HAVE A CRACK AT 'IM—PLEASE, EMIL!



SO YOU DON'T LIKE GUYS TO SCRATCH YOUR FELT? OKAY, WE'LL SCRATCH THE UPHOLSTERY OFF YOUR FACE, INSTEAD! GET DURL—LET HIM TAKE A POKE AT HIM!

HE'S TOO LOADED! HOLD HORSEFACE STILL, WILL YA? I'LL PUT HIS HEAD IN THE CORNER POCKET!



HAND ME SOME MORE BALLS! I WANNA PUT A COUPLE OF MORE BUMPS ON HIS SHINY NUT!

HEY, SOMEBODY, GIVE US SOME MORE BALLS!



# OBEY THE LAW

LET'S GET OUT OF THIS CRUMMY MUCK-HOLE! ON YOUR FEET, DURL! I GOT A GOOD MIND TO SLUG YOU ONE! WHAT DID YA GET SO LIT FOR?

YOU CRUMBS CAN STICK AROUND HERE IF YA WANNA-WE'RE TAKIN' OUR PATRONAGE TO A MORE RESPECTABLE ESTABLISHMENT!



WHO WERE THOSE GUYS? POOR-BENNY'S HALF-DEAD!

BENNY'S LUCKY--THE WAY EMIL THE TERRIBLE LEAVES MESSSES AROUND THE SOUTH-SIDE, HE'S LUCKY HE DIDN'T GET A SHIV IN HIS RIBS!



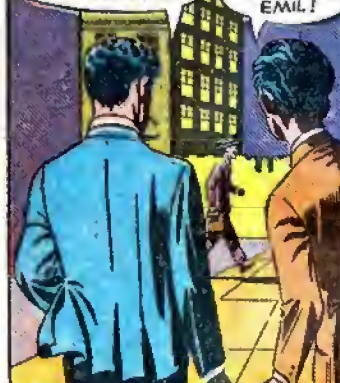
THANKSH FER SHTICKIN' UP FER ME, EMIL! HE WAS GONNA POKE ME, IF YA HADN'T SLUGGED 'IM!

NOBODY POKES MY PALS--WE'RE THE THREE MUSKETEERS--ALL FOR ONE AN' ONE FOR ALL! WHERE'S THE OTHER BOTTLE YOU HAD? HE FELL AN' IT BUSTED IN HIS POCKET! I'D LIKE ANOTHER SLUG, TOO! BUT WHAT'LL WE USE FOR DOUGH?



YOU BUMS TALK OF DOUGH LIKE IT'S SOMETHING HARD TO GET! ALL YA GOTTA DO IS ASK! YOU GUYS AIN'T GOT NO IDEA HOW GENEROUS PEOPLE REALLY ARE--NOW TAKE THAT GUY OVER THERE, FOR INSTANCE!

I KNOW JUST WHAT YA MEAN, EMIL!



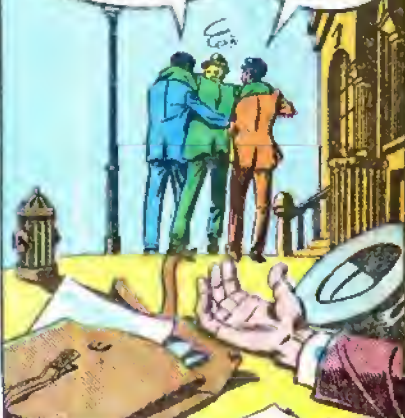
PARDON ME--DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE A MATCH ON YOU, MISTER?

SORRY--I DON'T SMOKE!



THREE BUCKS AIN'T ENOUGH FOR A QUART, EVEN! LET'S TAKE A STREET CAR ACROSS TOWN, AN' TRY AGAIN!

WHAT? WHY WASTE THE NICKELS--LET'S JUST WALK AROUND THE BLOCK!



PARDON ME, MISTER--CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE THIS ADDRESS IS?

IT'S JUST DOWN THIS STR--



FIFTEEN BUCKS--JUST ENOUGH FOR A BOTTLE OF BOOZE AN' A WHIRL WITH A COUPLE OF SWEET MAMAS AT THE GRASS HOOP!

HEY, DURL--GET UP ON YOUR FEET!

HEY, BARTENDER--MAKE MINE A DOUBLE BOURBON!



AN' BE A SHICKS' LITTLE BIT MORE GENEROUS THISH TIME!

DURL'S IN NO CONDITION TO GO DANCIN'! WE'D BETTER TAKE HIM HOME!

WHAT--RUIN OUR NIGHT? NOTHIN' DOIN'! LET'S CHECK HIM IN THE CLOAK ROOM!



# OBEY THE LAW



WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS PLACE IS—BELLEVUE'S ALCOHOLIC WARD? WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH HIM?

THAT'S UP TO YOU, HONEY—HANG HIM ON A COAT HOOK FOR ALL I CARE, AN' DON'T BOTHER ROLLIN' HIM—HE HASN'T GOT A DIME!

HEY, EMIL, REMEMBER THAT BLONDE? SHE'S HERE TONIGHT, AN' LOOK AT THE MUG SHE'S DANCIN' WITH!



I KNOW THAT CAKE-EATER—WATCH ME MOBILIZE HIM BOB! HEY JOSIE, DANCE OVER THIS WAY!

WHO'S HE—THE GUYS THAT'S YELLIN' AT YOU?

OH, THAT'S MY BROTHER—HE DON'T LIKE ME TO DANCE WITH STRANGERS!



HELLO, BLONDE, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOUR BOY FRIEND? HE LOOKS KINDA PALE!

I DON'T KNOW—FUNNY THE WAY HE GOT LIMP ALL OF A SUDDEN!

HEY—NO WONDER—YOU SLUGGED HIM WITH A BLACK-JACK!



COME HERE, BABY! YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T DO A THING LIKE THAT! HE JUST DID TOO MUCH DANCIN' FOR A GUY WITH A WEAK HEART!

S...SURE—THAT'S WHAT MUST'VE HAPPENED TO HIM! SAY, YOU'RE NOT HALF BAD ON YOUR FEET!

SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A DAISY DOES THE BIG APPLE? YOU GUYS SHOULD STICK TO SLOW WALTZES



THIS ENDED A TYPICAL NIGHT OF BOOZE, BRAWLS, BURGLARY, AND BLONDES IN THE LIFE OF EMIL RECK, DURING THE YEAR, 1934.

OF COURSE YOU KNOW I'M TAKIN' YOU HOME, OR DIDN'T I TELL YA?

AN' I SUPPOSE IF I SAID, "NO" I'D GET MY HEAD SLIT OPEN, LIKE HE DID!

Zzzzzzz



THIS ENDED TOO, A TYPICAL NIGHT IN CAPTAIN LARRY O'LEARY'S PRECINCT DISTRICT!

SAME OLD TECHNIQUE, CAPTAIN—STRONG-ARM STICK-UPS BY LOCAL SMALL FRY! THEY'VE GOT TO BE STOPPED!

WHAT WORRIES ME, IS THAT SMALL FRY HAVE A WAY OF BECOMING BIG FRY. IF YOU DON'T NAIL 'EM EARLY ENOUGH! DOUBLE THE DETAIL IN THIS SECTION JOE!



EMIL HAD ALL THE INGREDIENTS A BAD HOMRE NEEDS—FIRST, WANTING TO BE A BIG SHOT TO HIDE AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX—SECOND, THE IDEA THAT OTHERS GET CAUGHT, BUT NOT HIMSELF, AND THIRD THE ILLUSION THAT ILL-GOTTEN GAINS ARE THE EASIEST! EMIL AND COMPANY WERE WEARING ROSE-COLORED GLASSES—THINKING THE PARTY WOULD GO ON FOREVER!

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND FOR TONIGHT, EMIL?

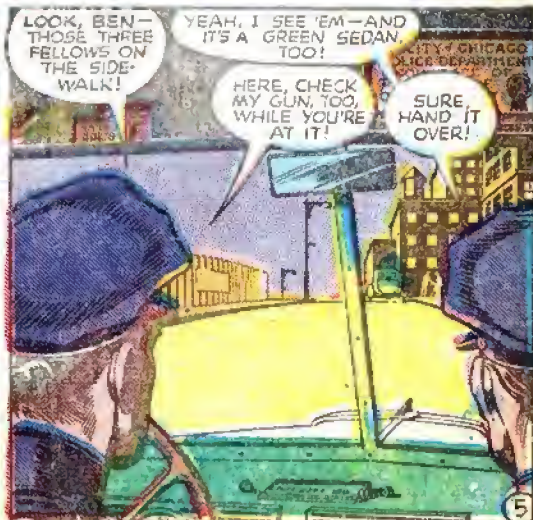
FIRST THING WE WANT IS A CAR—WE CAN MOVE AROUND A LOT FASTER IN A CAR!



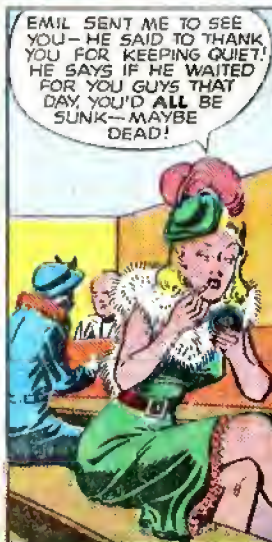
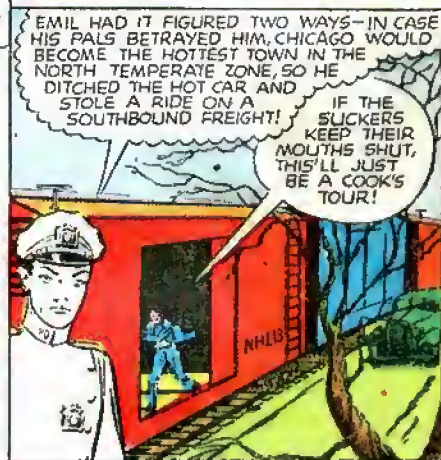
LOTS OF GUYS PLAN THINGS OUT TOO MUCH—BUT NOT ME! I SAY, HIT AN' RUN! THEN WHEN THE COPS LOOK FOR SOMEBODY—THEY LOOK FOR EVERYBODY—CAN THEY CATCH EVERYBODY?

THAT'S TERRIFIC, EMIL! THAT'S A REGULAR PHILOSOPHY! EMIL, YOU'RE A GENIUS!

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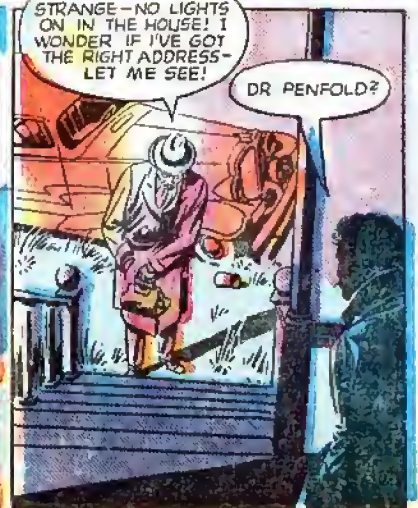
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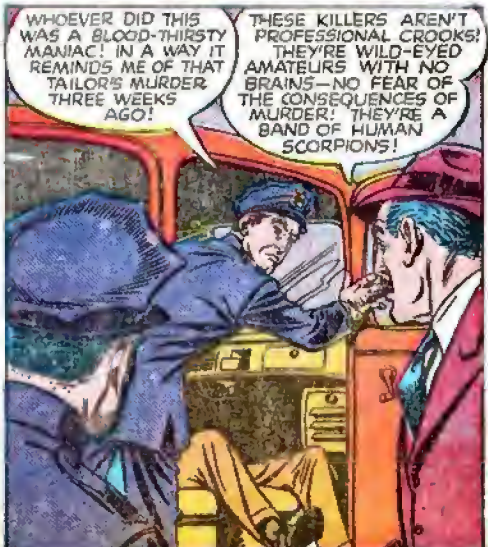
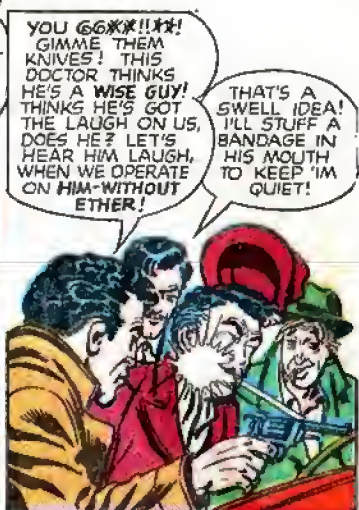
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JUST BECAUSE WE MUFFED ONE JOB DON'T MEAN THE DOCTOR RACKET AIN'T A GOOD ONE! CHANCES ARE THE NEXT CROAKER WILL BE JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!

I'M GAME—HERE'S A RED BOOK—ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER!

L.L. LOOK—LINGER "D" 'HIC! "D" FOR DOUGH—JUST A HUNCH!



FROM JANUARY 4TH TO JANUARY 10TH, EMIL THE TERRIBLE WAGED WAR WITH THE MEDICAL PROFESSION! ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 4TH, DR. JOSEPH MOLDER WAS FOUND LYING IN A LOT WITH A FRACTURED SKULL!

HE'S LUCKIER THAN PENFOLD! HE'LL LIVE!



...AND ON JANUARY 5TH, IT WAS DR. ALBERT TYREL!

THESE PILL-PUSHERS ARE SAINTS; THEY'LL GET UP ANY TIME OF THE NIGHT TO FIX SOMEBODY'S BELLYACHE!

BUT WHO'LL FIX HIS?



ON JANUARY 6TH, 8TH, AND 9TH, THREE MORE DOCTORS SUFFERED IDENTICAL FATES! THE PATTERN BECAME CLEAR!

WE INTERRUPT THIS BROADCAST TO BRING YOU A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM CAPTAIN O'LEARY OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!

GOOD EVENING! I MUST WARN EVERY DOCTOR IN CHICAGO THAT HIS LIFE IS IN DANGER, IF HE VENTURES OUT ON CALLS TO UNKNOWN PATIENTS AFTER A REASONABLE HOUR! IF YOU MUST, CALL YOUR NEAREST POLICE STATION FOR AN ESCORT!



FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, A GROUP OF MANIACS ARE OUT TO REVENGE THEMSELVES ON CHICAGO'S PHYSICIANS!

THE BULLS THINK IT'S ONLY CROAKERS WE HATE!

HE'S NUTS—WE HATE EVERY-BODY!



DOCTORS OF CHICAGO, DO NOT MAKE LATE CALLS UNTIL THESE KILLERS ARE APPREHENDED! DO NOT—CLICK!

WE'LL SHOW 'EM! WE AIN'T PARTICULAR—FROM NOW ON EVERY-BODY GETS THE SUNSHINE BLOWN INTO 'EM! ON YOUR FEET, DURL—WE'RE GONNA HAVE FUN!



I GOTTA LAUGH AT THEM BULLS-CHASIN' THEIR TAILS AROUND FOR DOCTOR KILLERS!

HOW ABOUT 'HIC! SPECIALIZIN' IN LIQUOR STORES FOR A 'HIC! WHILE!

LEAVE IT TO YOU TO THINK OF THAT—AS IF YOU WEREN'T COCK-EYED ENOUGH ALREADY!



WHAT'S A MATTER WITH LIQUOR STORES? BESIDES, I'M GETTIN' KINDA LOW!

NO MORE SPECIALIZIN'! THAT'S WHAT GOT 'E COPPER WARM ON OUR TAILS—RIGHT, EMIL?

THE FOOLS—THE CONTEMPTIBLE, MAD FOOLS!

RIGHT! YOU'LL HAVE TO BUY YOUR BOOZE LEGAL, DURL—AFTER WE CASH IN ON THAT GROCERY ACROSS THE STREET!

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IT'S NO DICE—THEY WON'T COME OUT! THAT POLICE WARNIN' SCARED 'EM STIFF!

TRY THISH ONE—O'LEARY-DR. WILLIAM B. O'LEARY-COMET AVENUE. COMET 7-9160!

SURE, TRY O'LEARY—YOU GOT ANOTHER NICKEL, AIN'T YOU?



AHA—TH'S SHOULD PROVE INTERESTING!

IT'S FOR YOU, DR O'LEARY! SOME- BODY JUST HAD A HEART ATTACK! HE WANTS YOU TO COME IMMEDIATELY!

TAKE HIS NAME AND ADDRESS LIKE A GOOD BROTHER, WILL YOU, LARRY?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR MY BROADCAST THE OTHER NIGHT? ALL RIGHT, I'LL TALK TO THIS GUY!



I'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHIN' DOC! MY BROTHER'S DYIN'! YOU'LL COME? OH, THANKS, DOC—YOU'RE A PEACH!

GIVE HIM THIS ADDRESS—IT'S AN EMPTY APARTMENT OVER A ROLLER SKATIN' RINK!



BUT I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T WANT DOCTORS TO MAKE CALLS AFTER 11:00 P.M.

THIS ONE'S DIFFERENT! I RECOGNIZED THIS VOICE—CAN'T PLACE IT, OF COURSE, BUT IT'S ON THE LEVEL! HEADQUARTERS? GIVE ME THE RIOT SQUAD!



IS HE COMIN', EMIL?

YEAH, HE'S ON HIS WAY UP NOW! WAIT TILL HE GETS INSIDE! THE NOISE OF THE SKATERS WILL DROWN OUT THE NOISES!



OKAY, BOYS. CLOSE IN! TRAIN THE LIGHTS ON THE WINDOWS WHEN YOU GET O'LEARY'S SIGNAL!



YOU TALK TO HIM, BOB—HE KNOWS YOUR VOICE!

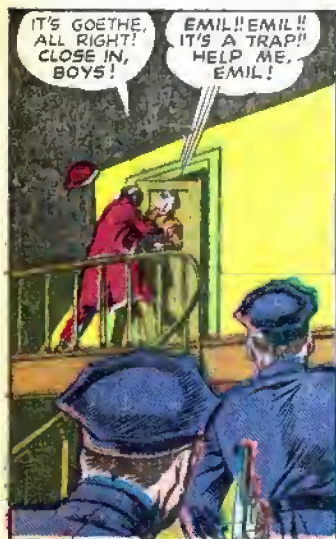
RIGHT THIS WAY, DR. O'LEARY—SECOND FLOOR! SORRY ABOUT THE LIGHTS!

IT IS PRETTY DARK—I CAN'T SEE MY WAY, BUT I HAVE A SEARCH LIGHT! YOU DON'T MIND IF I USE IT?



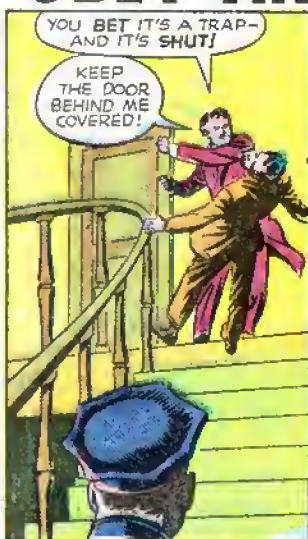
SURE—HELP YOURSELF! IT'S OUR LOUSY SUPER—HE WON'T REPAIR NOthin'. HEY—NO! IN MY EYES, DOC!

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IT'S GOETHE, ALL RIGHT! CLOSE IN, BOYS!

EMIL! EMIL! IT'S A TRAP! HELP ME, EMIL!



YOU BET IT'S A TRAP- AND IT'S SHUT!

KEEP THE DOOR BEHIND ME COVERED!

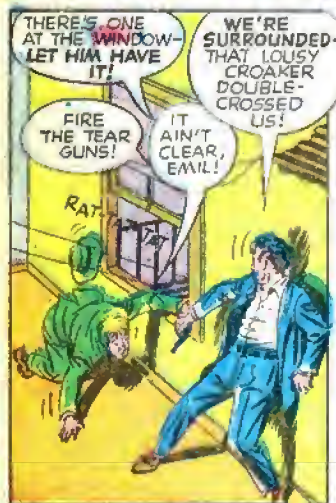


THE PLACE IS SURROUNDED, SO WHOEVER YOU ARE YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE THAT ROOM ALIVE, IF YOU DON'T COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP! WE'LL GIVE YOU TEN SECONDS!

AN' I'LL GIVE YA TEN SLUGS IN THE HEAD! LOOK OUT THE WINDOW, DURL, AN' SEE IF THE FIRE ESCAPE IS CLEAR!

YOU BET, EMIL! I.I. SURE WILL- THE FIRE ESCAPE! I'LL L. LOOK AN' SEE!

BANG!



THERE'S ONE AT THE WINDOW- LET HIM HAVE IT!

WE'RE SURROUNDED- THAT LOUSY CROAKER DOUBLE-CROSSED US!

FIRE THE TEAR GUNS!

IT AIN'T CLEAR, EMIL!



EEEMIL.. I CAN'T STAND IT! COUGH! GOTTA GET OUT! COUGH, COUGH!

ME, TOO! COUGH! COUGH!



D.. DON'T SHOOT!! COUGH! COUGH! WE GIVE UP!!

LIEUTENANT, COLLECT SOME OF THOSE DOCTORS WHO WERE BEATEN: I WANT THESE VERMIN IDENTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!



YES- THEY'RE THE ONES! I'D STAKE MY LIFE ON IT!

I'D HAVE REMEMBERED THOSE FACES TO MY DYING DAY!

YOU! YOU DRUNKEN DIPSO- IT WAS YOU WHO PICKED O'LEARY'S NAME OUT OF THE PHONE BOOK!



I KNEW YOU'D RUIN US SOME DAY, YOU BOOZE-BATTY IDIOT! IF I HAD A HATCHET, I'D BURY IT IN YOUR ALKY-SOAKED BRAIN!

ALL RIGHT, SMART GUY, WHY DIDN'T YA STOP ME? YOU KNEW THE COP'S NAME WAS O'LEARY, TOO!

LIKE ANIMALS, THE THREE WRETCHES ACCUSED ONE ANOTHER! THEY SCREAMED, THEY BRAWLED- BUT TO NO AVAIL! EACH GOT 199 YEARS IN PRISON!



WE WERE LICKED BY A LOUSY ACCIDENT! WHO COULD'VE KNOWN THAT THE POLICE CAPTAIN'S BROTHER WAS THE CROAKER WE CALLED?

I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU IF YOU COULD HAVE HEARD ME! I KNEW IT FROM THE START! YOUR KIND OF "ACCIDENT" SENDS THOUSANDS OF FOOLS TO JAILS AND HOT SEATS EVERY YEAR! YOUR MISTAKE IS THE COLOSSAL MISTAKE OF CRIME ITSELF- A MISTAKE THAT PAYS OFF IN DEATH, OR A LIFETIME OF LIVING DEATH FOR THOSE WHO DON'T BELIEVE THAT EVERY CRIME HAS ITS PUNISHMENT!

THE END

# A Message from—



A copy of the following letter was mailed to every writer, artist and contributor to our magazines. We thought that reproducing it here would help to better acquaint you with the care and attention that all material published in our magazines is given.

To all artists, writers and editorial affiliates, these restrictions must be adhered to. The following series of "don'ts" was conceived with the intention of establishing a much needed form of self-imposed censorship. That this is an essential step to further elevate the importance of comic magazines, is unanimously agreed to. Although we have followed most of these directives for many years, this is a more solidified and sterner reiteration.

1. In the illustration of women and girls, regardless of character, no scarcity of clothing will be accepted and no attempt to emphasize sex appeal will be permitted for publication.
2. Stories dealing with sadism or torture of any form or sex-motivated crimes will not be accepted.
3. No strips shall contain either in dialogue or illustration names of known concerns or people, such as names on buildings and backgrounds, or attempts at personal humor in lead story characters in CRIME DOES NOT PAY and CRIME AND PUNISHMENT of any known person.
4. Law officers, F.B.I. agents, judges and lawyers must be pictured both in appearance and dialogue in a favorable light.
5. Criminals will not be made attractive either in physical appearance or character.
6. All criminal acts or moral violations by characters in stories must be accounted for by legal punishment and the punishment must fit the crime.
7. No relatives of criminals will be referred to in a story unless vital to its structure and, in that case, only in a favorable light. This is in reference to CRIME DOES NOT PAY and CRIME AND PUNISHMENT.
8. Criminals must not be shown to enjoy a criminal act. This means no laughter or glee during the commission of a crime.
9. Gun molls and female criminals must not be made too attractive. They should, instead, be made typical and as relatively varied in bone structure as the male characters.
10. In the illustration of wounds, they must not be shown open. Blood must not be shown flowing from the face or mouth of a man and no blood to be shown flowing from women.
11. No reference shall be made to characters in regard to race, color or religion.
12. Any political propaganda is definitely out—in other words—no between-the-lines political soap-boxing.

These rules must be adhered to. I cannot stress these points hard enough. Should any of these points need further clarification, I will be glad to discuss them with you.

C. B.

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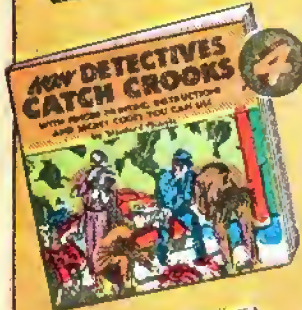
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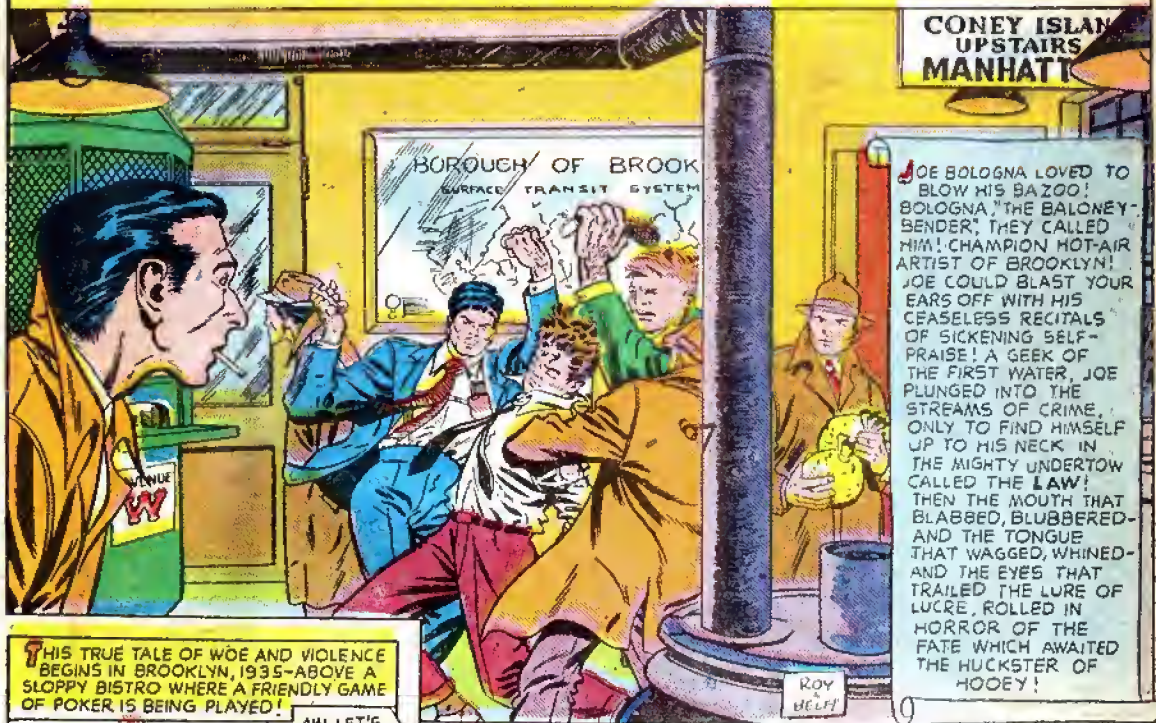
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# JOE BOLOGNA

THEY CALLED HIM "BALONEY BENDER"!

AS ROTTEN AN EGG AS EVER PICKED ON A SMALLER GUY—A CONCEITED, PRAISE-HUNGRY KNOW-IT-ALL, WHO WAS TOUGH ONLY WHEN HIS BRASS-KNUCKLED PALS WERE AROUND HIM!



JOE BOLOGNA LOVED TO BLOW HIS BAZOO! BOLOGNA, "THE BALONEY-BENDER," THEY CALLED HIM! CHAMPION HOT-AIR ARTIST OF BROOKLYN! JOE COULD BLAST YOUR EARS OFF WITH HIS CEASELESS RECITALS OF SICKENING SELF-PRAISE! A GEEK OF THE FIRST WATER, JOE PLUNGED INTO THE STREAMS OF CRIME, ONLY TO FIND HIMSELF UP TO HIS NECK IN THE MIGHTY UNDERTOW CALLED THE LAW! THEN THE MOUTH THAT BLABBED, BLUBBERED—AND THE TONGUE THAT WAGGED, WHINED—AND THE EYES THAT TRAILED THE LURE OF LUCRE, ROLLED IN HORROR OF THE FATE WHICH AWAITED THE HUCKSTER OF HOOEY!

THIS TRUE TALE OF WOE AND VIOLENCE BEGINS IN BROOKLYN, 1935—ABOVE A SLOPPY BISTRO WHERE A FRIENDLY GAME OF POKER IS BEING PLAYED!

WHAT KIND OF A HAND DO YA CALL THIS? YA DIDN'T GIVE ME NOTHIN' ABOVE A SIX!

AFTER I SEEN WHAT YA DONE WITH THAT PAT HAND, BUMBLE-DOG, A BLANK IS MORE THAN YA DESERVE—T PASS! WHO'S OPENIN'?

AW, LET'S KNOCK OFF! WE CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON THE GAME AND JOE'S LATE! HE SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE AN HOUR AGO!

NOBODY'S QUITTIN'—NOT WHILE I'M LOSIN'! ANYWAY, WHO IN HECK ASKED YOU TO PLAY IN THE FIRST PLACE! EVERY TIME YOU GET A BUCK AHEAD, YA WANNA GO HOME AND SEW IT INTO YOUR MATTRESS!

SHUT UP AND DEAL—I WANT ONE CARD!

THERE WAS TOO MUCH TALKIN' IN THIS HAND! TONGUE WAGGIN' AN' POKER DON'T MIX WITH ME! MIS-DEAL!

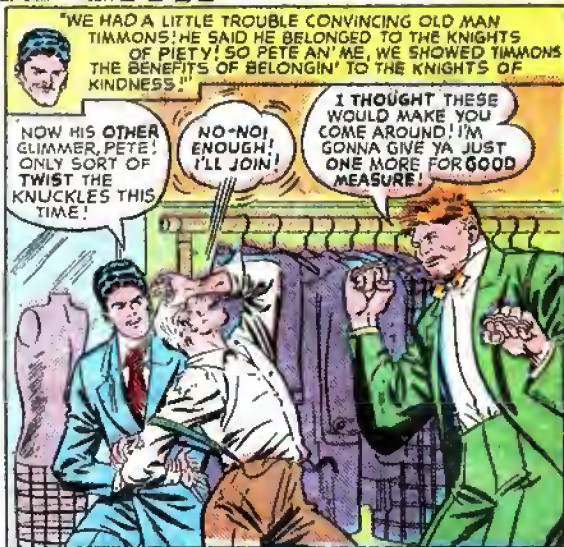
MIS-DEAL, MY EYE! PICK UP THEM CARDS, YA LOUSY SOREHEAD, OR I'LL PULVERIZE YA!

SAVE IT! HERE'S JOE AN' PETE! THEY'RE SMILIN'—SO I GUESS EVERYTHING MUSTA WENT OKAY!

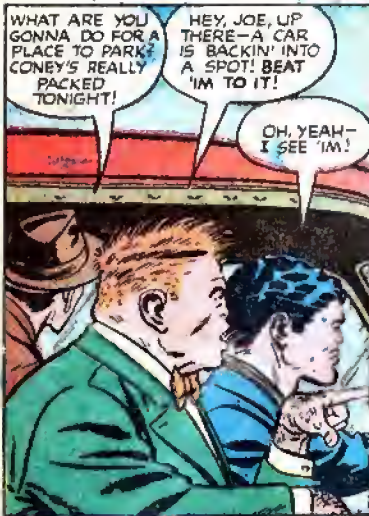
CUT OUT THIS KID STUFF! WE'VE GOT IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO TALK OVER!



# OBEDY THE LAW



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WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO FOR A PLACE TO PARK? CONEY'S REALLY PACKED TONIGHT!

HEY, JOE, UP THERE-A CAR IS BACKIN' INTO A SPOT! BEAT 'IM TO IT!

OH, YEAH-I SEE 'IM!



HEY, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? I FOUND THIS SPOT FIRST! MAYBE YOU WANT A PUNCH IN THE NOSE!

SHOVE OFF, STIFF! THAT SPOT'S RESERVED FOR IMPORTANT PEOPLE, SCRAM!



AREN'T YOU THE BRAVE GUY, WITH FOUR MUGS ON YOUR SIDE! OH, OH, A GUN, TOO!

PLEASE DON'T START ANYTHING-LET'S GO, JOHN! I DON'T LIKE THEIR LOOKS!

WHAT'S A MATTER? WHY DON'T YA PUNCH ME IN THE NOSE, LIKE YOU SAID? GO ON, SISTER, GET HIM OUT OF HERE, BEFORE WE BLOW HIS HEAD OFF!



HA, HA, YOU SURE SCARED 'EM, JOE. YA JUST WAVED YER PLUGSTICK ONCE, AN' THEY BLEW! YA HAD HIM SHAKIN' IN HIS PANTS!

HEY-GUYS, LOOK-I'M A MONKEY IN A "CO- EK! EK!

YOU'RE A MONKEY, ALL RIGHT, PINKY-THAT'S A POLICE CAR!

WHO WANTS A FANCY STRAW HAT?

HEY!!



HEY, WILLIE-THEY'RE HERE AGAIN! GET A COP, THAT GANG OF HOODLUMS IS CRAZY! THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ALMOST WRECKED THE JOINT LAST WEEK!

HEY, JOE, LOOKA-LET'S GO INTO THE BARREL!



HA, HA! HIYA, GOOD LOOKIN'-OOPS! SORRY-THAT DOPE BACK THERE PUSHED ME! HA, HA, HA!

YIIII!! I'M ROLLIN'-I'M FALLIN'!

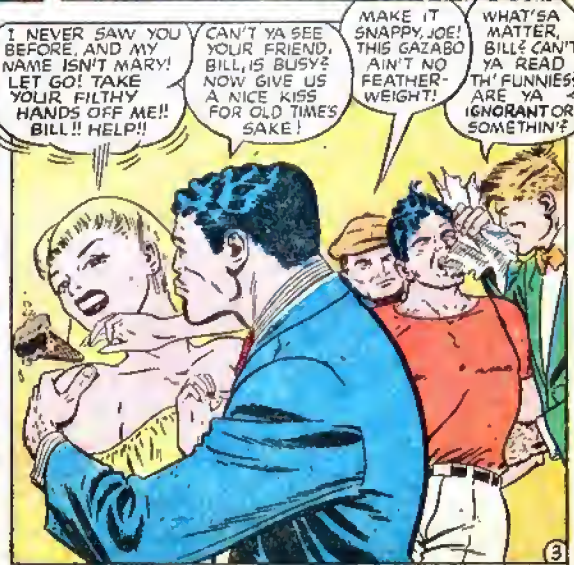
LET GO OF ME, YOU FOOL-KY GLASSES!



MAYBE NEXT TIME YOU'LL BE MORE CAREFUL ABOUT WHO YOU'RE CALLIN' A FOOL! IF YOUR MOTHER DIDN'T TEACH YA MANNERS, I WILL!

HEY, JOE, LOOKIT THAT BLONDE-NOT BAD, EH?

YEAH, YEAH, SHE'S AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE! HEY, MARY!



I NEVER SAW YOU BEFORE, AND MY NAME ISN'T MARY! LET GO! TAKE YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF ME!! BILL!! HELP!!

CAN'T YA SEE YOUR FRIEND, BILL, IS BUSY? NOW GIVE US A NICE KISS FOR OLD TIMES SAKE!

MAKE IT SNAPPY, JOE! THIS GAZABO AIN'T NO FEATHER-WEIGHT!

WHAT'S A MATTER, BILL? CAN'T YA READ TH' FUNNIES? ARE YA IGNORANT OR SOMETHIN'?

# OBEY THE LAW



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I...I CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT JOININ' YOUR OUTFIT! I'LL GIVE YOU THE HUNDRED—IT'S HERE IN MY DRAWER! QWW...

YOU MUST THINK EVERYBODY IS AS DUMB AS YOU ARE! GET YOUR MITTS OUT OF THAT DRAWER! BOYS, SHOW MR. SCARUSO WHY HE SHOULD BUY PROTECTION FROM OUR SOCIETY!

HEY, JOE, LOOK—HE DIDN'T HAVE NO MONEY IN THE DRAWER! HE WAS REACHIN' FOR HIS ROD—IS HE THE WISE GUY! I'M GONNA EMPTY HIS OWN GUN INTO HIS BELLY!

NOT THAT, FETE—THAT'S BAD BUSINESS! DEAD MEN CAN'T PAY DUES! HERE—START INITIATIN' HIM WITH THIS!

WHAT'CHA YELLIN' ABOUT—YOU'RE GETTIN' A FREE SHAVE, AIN'T YA? AN' I NEVER WENT TO A BARBER COLLEGE!

I GIVE UP! YES, I'LL PAY YOU! I'LL PAY YOU!

GIVE 'IM A CLOSE SHAVE, BUT DON'T LET HIM PASS OUT! HE'S GOTTA BE ABLE TO TAKE HIS MEMBERSHIP OATH—DON'T FORGET!



SAY IT AFTER ME, BROTHER SCARUSO—I SWEAR TO BE A LOYAL MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF KINDNESS AND WILL CONTRIBUTE FORTY BUCKS A WEEK AS DUES FOR PROTECTION FROM NO-GOOD BUMS THAT MIGHT WANNA BEAT ME UP OR WRECK MY JOINT!

GO ON— SAY IT!!

I...T. TONY SCARUSO... OHH... ©

HEY, JOE, LOOKIT—WE MADE THE LAST PAGE! IT'S ABOUT US AT CONEY—IT DOESN'T MENTION OUR NAMES, OF COURSE, BUT ONE OF THE MOPES WE HIT GOT A FRACTURED SKULL!

LEMME SEE IT!

THE LAST PAGE, EH? THE REAR END OF THE RAG! THAT PAGE IS FOR GOOSEBERRY PICKERS! JOE BOLOGNA RATES THE FRONT PAGE!

THAT'S NOT FOR ME! SOME GUYS THAT MAKE THE FRONT PAGE MAKE WITH THE HOT SEAT, TOO!

C'MON, YOU GUYS—I'M GONNA MAKE US FAMOUS!



WE'RE GONNA PULL THE FIRST JOB THAT LOOKS LIKE A BUCK, AN' WE AIN'T STOPPIN' TILL WE'RE ROOMIN' AT THE RITZ!

HEY, LOOK UP THERE ON THE ELEVATOR—WHAT'S THAT FUNNY LOOKIN' TRAIN?

IT'S A GUN-LOADED MAN-O-WAR! THAT'S THE TRAIN THAT COLLECTS THE DOUGH FROM ALL THE STATION AGENTS!

THAT'S IT! THAT'S HOW WE'RE GONNA GET OUR LIMOUSINES AN' OUR NAMES IN BIG LETTERS! ONLY FIRST, A FEW THINGS GOTTA BE TAKEN CARE OF—LIKE GUNS, FOR INSTANCE! WE GOT ONE, ROD BETWEEN US, SCARUSOS! MIKE, YOU'RE THE GUY THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE PAWSIE WITH ALL THE PAWNBROKERS—HOW ABOUT IT?

ARE YOU KIDDIN'? THEY'D SOONER PART WITH AN ARM THAN SELL A ROD WITHOUT A PERMIT! AND WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE I'D GET ONE?

A PERMIT? ANYONE CAN GET A GAT WITH A PERMIT! THAT'S NO TRICK! YOU HEARD JOE, SO GET GOIN' AN' DON'T COME BACK WITHOUT 'EM!



# OBEY THE LAW



I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE WHAT I HADDA GO THROUGH TO GET EVEN THIS ONE! WAIT, I'LL SHOW YA HOW IT LOADS UP!

DON'T BOTHER-I CAN GUESS! OKAY, GUYS, THIS IS IT! OUR BIG STEP INTO BIG TIME! THE JOE BOLOGNA MOB IS GONNA TAKE AN EXPRESS TO THE TOP OF THE PILE! LETS GO!

I HOPE IT AIN'T TO THE TOP OF THE PILE OF STIFFS IN THE MORGUE! JOE TALKS TOO MUCH ABOUT SHOOTIN' A GUY WHEN HE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW A GAT FIRES!

SHUT UP, MIKE, OR HE'LL SHOW YA HOW IT FIRES! IF HE HEARS YA, HE'D SOONER PRACTICE ON YOU THAN A DUCK IN A SHOOTIN' GALLERY!

CHANGE THIS BILL!

I CAN'T DO IT! THAT'S A TWENTY, MISTER! WERE NOT REQUIRED TO CHANGE ANYTHING HIGHER THAN TWO DOLLARS! IT'S AGAINST OUR RULES!



OH YEAH? WE MAKE OUR OWN RULES! COME OUT OF THE CAGE!

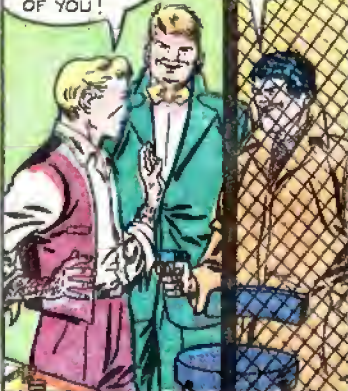
YOU HEARD 'IM, YA CREEP! GET OUT OF THERE!

TAKE MY TIP! DON'T DO IT! YOU'RE A FOOL IF YOU THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH THIS! YOU'LL BE WISHIN' YOU TOOK MY ADVICE WHEN I GIVE 'EM A GOOD DESCRIPTION OF YOU!

BUT YOU WON'T, APSAY, YOU WON'T BECAUSE I GOT A HEATER THAT'S HAVIN' IT'S COMIN' OUT PARTY RIGHT NOW!

YOU X@?!!@ DEAD S@PS CAN'T POINT FINGERS! YOU'LL BE THROUGH TALKIN' AFTER I BLOW YA FULL OF HOLES!

WAIT A MINUTE, JOE! I'M ALL FOR BEATIN' HIM UP, BUT LETS LAY OFF THE FIREWORKS! IF IT AIN'T NECESSARY, WHY DUST OFF THE HOT SEAT!



MIKE, YA WORRY ME! MIKE, YA GOT YELLOW WAYS! YA GOT A BIG RESPECT FOR THE BLUE BOYS! THAT AIN'T HEALTHY, FROM WHERE I SIT! YOU'RE TOO LIABLE TO END UP AS A FINGER LOUSE AND STICK US ALL IN THE HOT SQUAT!

J-JOE, DON'T GET ME WRONG! IT WAS ONLY AN IDEA... A SUGGESTION! ?GULP? I JUST WANT TO BE CAREFUL!



JUST REMEMBER, IT'S ME YA GOT TO BE CAREFUL OF, MIKE-ME!

HOW ARE YOU GUYS DOIN' WITH THE NICKEL-HEISTER?

SURE, JOE!

WE GOT 'IM SOFTEN A ONE-MINUTE EGG. NOW MAYBE HE'LL THINK TWICE BEFORE HE YELLS COPPER!

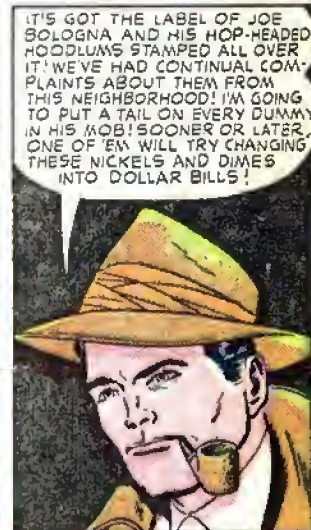


MAYBE, MAYBE NOT! ANYWAY, I'M TAKIN' NO CHANCES! PROP HIM AGAINST THE CAGE! C'MON, PETE, YOU AN' ME NEED TARGET PRACTICE!

WE NEVER WENT IN FOR TOTAL WASH-OUTS BEFORE, JOE! THE COPS GO THROUGH A TOWN WITH A RAKE WHEN THEY FIND A STIFF, ESPECIALLY A SQUARE LIKE HIM!

OKAY, JOE, IF HE AIN'T DEAD ALREADY!

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IT'S UP TO YOU! IF YOU SUCKERS WANT TO FRY WHILE JOE AND THE OTHERS GO ON LIVING MERRILY, THAT'S YOUR BUSINESS!

PETE WON'T PIPE OFF, BUT WATCH ME—I'LL GIVE THAT @#@#! BALONEY THE BIGGEST DOUBLE-CROSS IN HISTORY! THE HOT BLASTIN' @#!@ GOT US INTO THIS! LET HIM FRY IN THE SAME JUICE! DO YA KNOW SAMMY'S POOL ROOM?

I RAISE YOU TWO, WHAT DO YA DO?

EVERYBODY'S RAISIN'! RAISIN' TWO HANDS! GET 'EM UP, YOU PALOOKAS!

TAKE THESE HUMAN PIGS TO THE TOMBS! IF THEY DON'T GET THE CHAIR, I'M TURNING IN MY BADGE!

NOBODY'S GETTIN' NUTHIN'!

NOBODY BUT YOU AND YOUR GOONS, JOE! MIKE SAWYERS SINGING LIKE A HARTZ MOUNTAIN CANARY RIGHT NOW!

IF WE COULD GET BOLOGNA TO CONFESS, WE'D HAVE THIS CASE SEWED UP TIGHTER THAN A GORILLA'S HUG!

THERE MIGHT BE A WAY AT THAT! BOLOGNA'S AS VAIN AS A PEACOCK! IF WE SET UP A BATTERY OF NEWSREEL CAMERAS, HE MIGHT SNAP AT THE PUBLICITY LIKE A RAT AT A TRAP!

HOW WOULD YOU FELLOWS LIKE TO TELL YOUR STORIES AND POSE BEFORE THE NEWSREEL CAMERAS?

SAY—THAT'S SOMETHIN'! WE'LL BE IN THE MOVIES!

OKAY, THEN! YOU FIRST, PETE—YOU KNOW MOST ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED!

WHO SAYS SO? MIKE'S A CHUMP—HE KNOWS NUTHIN'! I'M YER LEADIN' MAN, SEE? IT WAS ME WHO PLANNED THE WHOLE THING AND KILLED THE GUY! ARE YA' GETTIN' ALL THIS DOWN?

EVERY WORD! GO AHEAD, BIG SHOT! JUST START FROM THE BEGINNING!

...THEN, WHEN THE GUYS BUSTED HIS RIBS, PETE AN' ME BLASTED 'IM TILL HE LOOKED LIKE IMPORTED SWISS CHEESE! AN' THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED AS TOLD BY THE PROFESSOR IN PERSON!

JOE TOLD IT RIGHT! GET ME IN THE CAMERA, TOO, WILL YA'!

YEP, WE'VE GOT YOU DEAD CENTER, DON'T WORRY!

BROOKLYN HER  
JOE BOLOGNA AND PETE DEDONNE  
GET LIFE SENTENCES

I HEARD JOE BOLOGNA AND PETER DEDONNE DIED IN THE CHAIR THE OTHER NIGHT! HOW DID THAT BIG MOUTH BOLOGNA TAKE THE LAST MILE?

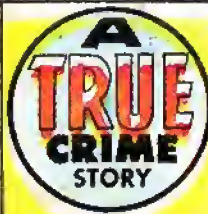
HE HAD TO BE CARRIED! HE SCREAMED LIKE A SIREN WAS STUCK IN HIS TONSILS!

PLEASE—DON'T, PLEASE! YEE—AAA—I DON'T WANT TO DIE—

HE WAS HOWLING WHEN THEY TURNED ON THE JUICE! DEDONNE WAS A HERO BY COMPARISON! HE JUST FAINTED!

I THINK THEY'RE FINALLY CONVINCED THAT CRIME DOES NOT PAY!

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# LESLEY KETCHELL

WITH A GUN IN HIS HAND AND A QUART DOWN HIS GULLET, HE THOUGHT HE WAS ALL THE THINGS HE WASN'T!

TAKE ANOTHER HOOKER, LES, AND YOU'LL BE LOOKIN' LIKE ALL THESE GUYS!



EVERYTHING'S BEEN NICE AN' ORDERLY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, INSPECTOR - NOTHIN' NEW EXCEPT KELLY'S SALOON OVER THERE! WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT FELLOW STAGGERING OUT, AND HIM STILL WITH HIS LUNCH PAIL - SQUANDERING HIS HARD EARNED MONEY! WHEN WILL THEY EVER GET WISE TO THEMSELVES, INSPECTOR?

NEVER, I GUESS! NOT THE SELFISH ONES, ANYWAY! WHAT DO THEY CARE IF THEIR WIVES AN' KIDS STARVE! THAT LITTLE GUY REMINDS ME OF LESLEY KETCHELL! DO YOU REMEMBER HIM, MAC?

NO, WHO WAS LESLEY KETCHELL?

OH, NOBODY IN ONE WAY, BUT IN ANOTHER - A LOT OF PEOPLE! THE UNIVERSE IS FULL OF LESLEY KETCHELLS - CRAVING ADVENTURE, EXCITEMENT, BIG DOUGH... AND FINDING IT IN A BOTTLE... IN THE MAGIC LIQUID THAT INJECTS FIRE INTO TIMID VEINS - PUTS BIG SCHEMES INTO PEANUT BRAINS AND GIVES THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES TO FLABBY BICEPS - SO THEY THINK!

THE WORLD IS TOO MUCH FOR THEM, SO THEY TRY TO ESCAPE FROM LIFE BY DRINKING ROT GUT, NEVER REALIZING THAT THEY'RE MAKING THEIR LIFE A HUNDRED TIMES TOUGHER! SO IT WAS WITH LESLEY KETCHELL, WHO LIVED IN OUR FAIR CITY OF GARY, INDIANA, TWENTY- EIGHT! YEARS AGO, IN 1920...



# OBEY THE LAW

LESLEY THOUGHT THE WORLD WAS TRYING TO MAKE A SUCKER OUT OF HIM. BECAUSE HE HAD TO WORK HARD FOR A LIVING! HE WANTED TO DOUBLE CROSS IT BY MAKING EASY MONEY!

MAYBE MY LUCK WILL CHANGE TONIGHT! MAYBE I'LL ROLL UP A FORTUNE! IT'S POSSIBLE - I HEAR OF OTHER GUYS DOIN' IT - SO WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH IT BEIN' ME!



THAT'S IT, LES! DOWN THE HATCH! LADY LUCK CAN'T SPIT IN YOUR EYE FOREVER!

GEE, YOU GUYS SURE TREAT ME SWELL! GIMME THOSE GALLOPIN' DOMINOS, AN' WATCH ME MAKE 'EM ROLL SEVEN!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, GOON! HOW CAN ANYBODY BE SO SAPPY-TO PLAY FOR HOURS AN' NOT WISE UP THAT HE'S PLAYIN' WITH LOADED DICE!



1... I GUESS THAT CLEANS ME AGAIN, MURTAUGH... I OWE YOU TWO WEEKS' PAY ALREADY... I BETTER QUIT...

THIS IS NO TIME TO QUIT, LES - JUST WHEN YOUR LUCK IS DUE TO CHANGE! BESIDES, I DON'T FEEL RIGHT, WINNIN' ALL THAT DOUGH FROM YA! TELL 'YA WHAT - LET'S HAVE ONE MORE ROLL, DOUBLE OR NOTHIN' - YOU ROLL THEM!



THAT'S IT, LES - WARM 'EM UP - BLOW GOOD AND HARD!



CMON, BABIES, BE GOOD TO PAPA! OHH - COME SEVEN!

GOSH... THAT'S WHITE OF YOU, MURTAUGH... GIVIN' ME A CHANCE TO WIN BACK... STILL... I DON'T KNOW... WHAT IF I LOSE? I'LL OWE YOU A MONTHS PAY! I'M IN SUCH A HOLE NOW, I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M EVER GONNA GET OUT OF IT!

HERE - TAKE ANOTHER DRINK, LES! IT'LL PUT STARCH IN YOUR SPINE! REMEMBER, YOU'LL NEVER GET ANYWHERE IF YOU DON'T TAKE CHANCES!



SNAKE-EYES, TCH, TCH! THAT'S TOUGH, LES! THOSE ARE MY LUCKY DICE, TOO! I WAS HOPING THEY'D WORK FOR YOU!

TOO BAD, LES! THAT'S CRAP FOR YOU! BETTER LUCK TOMORROW NIGHT!

SGULP! A M-MONTH'S SALARY... GONE!



SO LES TOOK ANOTHER DRINK AND STUMBLING HOME!

WHAT'RE THE KIDS CRYIN' FOR AGAIN? CAN'T YA SHUT 'EM UP? MUST THEY ALWAYS BE YAPPIN' WHEN I COME HOME? HIC!

THEY'RE CRYIN' BECAUSE THEY'RE HUNGRY! FOR WEEKS THEY'VE BEEN EATIN' BREAD CRUSTS AN' WHATEVER ELSE I PICK UP IN GARBAGE CANS! WHAT DO YOU EXPECT THEM TO DO, LAUGH? I SUPPOSE YOU'VE LOST YOUR PAY CHECK GAMBLIN' AGAIN, YOU DIRTY, DRUNKEN BUM! YOU SHOULD BE HORSEWHIPPED!



YOU SHOULD SEE YOURSELF - SEE WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE!

SHUT YOUR TRAP!



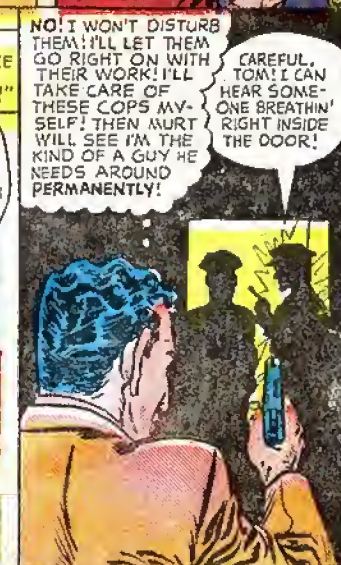
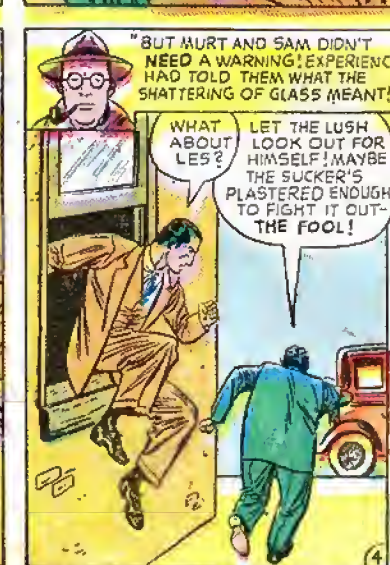
DON'T I SLAVE ALL DAY? AIN'T I ENTITLED TO A LITTLE FUN? IF I LIKE TO TAKE A DRINK AN' GAMBLE A LITTLE - THAT'S MY BUSINESS! DON'T GET IT IN YOUR HEAD THAT YOU CAN DO ANYTHING TO STOP IT!



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NOT ONLY DIDN'T LES GET AWAY, BUT HE WENT TO JAIL FOR LIFE! NOW HE SPENDS HIS LIFE STARING AT IRON BARS AND CONCRETE WALLS—ONE OF THE LIVING DEAD! HE WAS DOOMED, ANYWAY! THOSE WHO JUST WANT TO TAKE AND PUT NOTHING BACK INTO LIFE, ARE LOST SOULS! I'M GOING OVER TO SEE IF I CAN GET THAT POOR SLOB ACROSS THE STREET TO GO HOME!

HOW ABOUT IT, FELLOW, DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD HEAD FOR HOME?

HOME? I SHOULD SAY NOTHIN'! SHAY—I GO HOME AN' MY OLE LADY! SHIC! STARTS NAGGIN' ME ABOUT SCHEPENDING ALL MY PAY! SHIC! WHAT THE HECK, A GUY'S GOTTA HAVE SOME FUN! SHIC! ONCE IN AWHILE, RIGHT, PAL? SHAY—HOW'S ABOUT BUYIN' ME A LITTLE SNORT, JUST THISH EIG-AN! I'LL LET YA TELL ME THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE! SHIC!

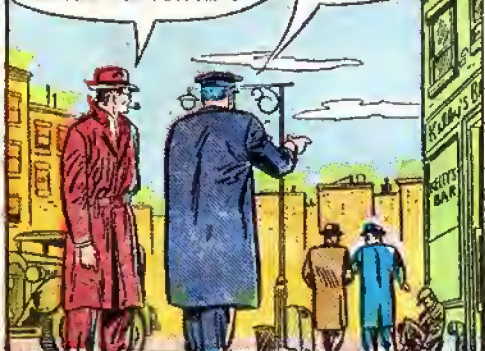


IT WAS NO USE, MAC—I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS! WHEN THEY'RE THAT FAR GONE, IT'S TOO LATE! OH, OH, HE NOT ONLY REMINDED ME OF LESLEY KETCHELL, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO HAVE MUCH THE SAME FATE! THOSE TWO BIMBO SPOCK FACE HARRY AND LEO COMSTOCK, WILL FIND USE FOR HIM!

HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, INSPECTOR! LOOK—THEY'RE TALKING HIS FATE OVER, NOW! SAY WHAT YOU WILL, THERE'S A LOT OF TRAGEDY IN DRINK!

GRANTED! LESLEY KETCHELL FOUND THAT OUT, BUT I STILL SAY IT'S NOT THE CAUSE, BUT THE RESULT OF BEING A WEAK SISTER, WITHOUT THE BACK BONE TO STAND UP AND FACE LIFE!

TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS IN THIS STINKING CELL AND THE REST OF MY LIFE TO GO! HUMPH! AND I THOUGHT I WAS LUCKY NOT GETTING THE HOT SEAT!



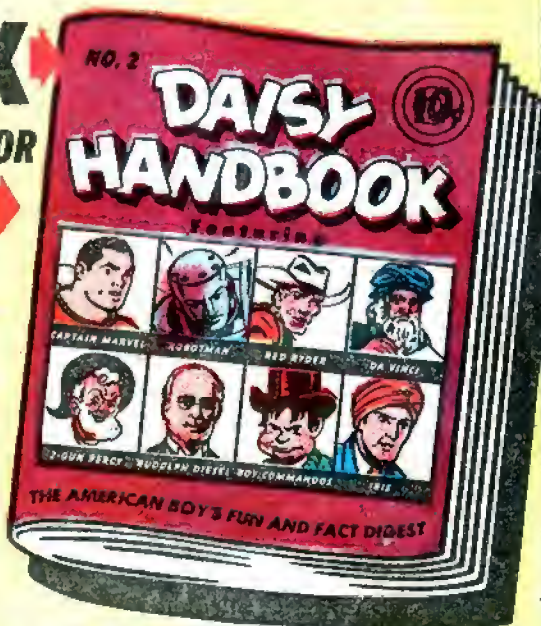
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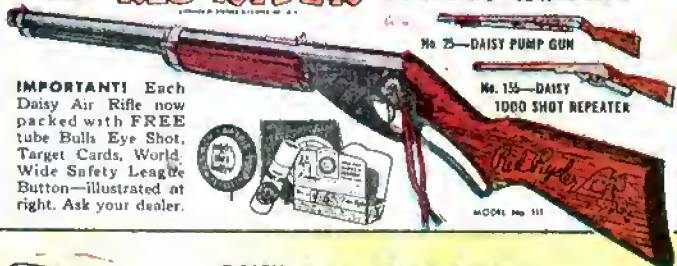
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## THEY MUFFED THEIR MURDER

THE two men walked out of the restaurant in Portland, Oregon, into the raw chill of the early evening of November 20th, 1901. They drew their topcoats about them and braced themselves against the wind and sleet.

Dutch Barnes, tall and loose-jointed, bent to his shorter companion's ear and said, "So you dated the waitress and another dame. Now what do we do for dough?"

Steve Howard laughed harshly. His voice came deep from his chest. "I still got the .44 I picked up in Seattle. We'll pull a stick-up."

"Stick-up?" Barnes repeated, without much enthusiasm. "Who do we know in this burg to stick up?"

The stocky one replied, "Leave it to me. There's a saloon in town with a card room. I seen a guy named Weeks take three hundred bucks away last night. He's sharp—they say he does it every time he plays."

"Sounds like a pushover," Barnes agreed, "if he plays tonight."

"We gotta take that chance, Dutch," Howard said. "I'll put the finger on him tonight and we can take him over on the way home."

About a quarter to twelve,

the game began to break up. Steve Howard and Dutch Barnes stood casually at the



bar. Howard nudged his companion.

"Time to go," he whispered. "He's got a wad big enough to choke a horse."

"Where do we wait for him?" Barnes asked, when the two were on the street.

"There's a dark spot just outside the center of town. Weeks has to pass it on his way home."

Just about that time, Jerry Kelly, popular young athlete, was putting on his coat at the home of his fiancée, Diane Layton. He was handsome and twenty-one. Diane looked at him with adoration

in her eyes.

"The evening's gone so fast, Jerry!" the girl sighed. "It seems like no time at all, when you only come over twice a week!"

Jerry Kelly grinned. Placing his index finger under the girl's chin, he tipped her head and pressed his lips to hers. "Sweetheart!" he whispered. Then, "Gosh, I wish I could call every night, but you know how training rules are. And the big game comes off Saturday!"

The girl beamed proudly. "The Iron Works is the best shop football team in the whole city league. Everybody goes to see you carry the ball, Jerry. I really don't mind, believe me."

There was a twinkle in the boy's eyes as he added, "Anyway, you have George Field to date when I'm not here."

Just a flicker of resentment shone in Diane's eyes. Then she laughed musically. "George is sweet and he keeps coming around, but you know he doesn't rate next to you, dear."

Kelly, turning slowly away, held his hand on the door-knob a moment. "Parting is such sweet sorrow," he said fondly.

Diane grinned and pressed her fingers to the firm muscles of his arm. "You say the most original things, Jerry," she teased.

"That reminds me," said Jerry, apparently glad of an excuse to stay a moment longer, "that my words are not always pleasant. Tonight, after work, for instance, when I met Joe Martin outside the shop . . ."

Diane's eyes clouded. "Oh, Jerry, is Joe Martin still angry because you were elected team captain?"

Kelly nodded. "Uh-huh. He quit his job, you know, after the gang elected me. Tonight when I bumped into him, he said he'd get even with me if it's the last thing he ever does!"

"Oh, no!" the girl cried out in alarm. "Do you think he'll . . ."

The words were smothered in a kiss. "Don't worry, honey," Kelly whispered. "I guess I can take care of myself."

With that Kelly said *good-night* to Diane, little realizing that he was saying *farewell*!

Jerry Kelly walked briskly down the street. The night

was dark and the biting cold dampness still hung in the air. Jerry Kelly's head was in the clouds, however. He little knew or cared what was under foot. Had he been more keenly aware of his surroundings, he might have noticed the two hulking figures in the shadows ahead.

The taller of the shadows said, "He's comin', Steve,"

"Yeah," whispered the other. "I got the gun, Dutch. You filch him after I get his hands up. We ain't takin' no chances, see? If he tries anything, I'll let him have it!"

"He's big," Dutch said. "Bigger'n I thought! Don't take no chances is right."



Jerry Kelly was now almost up to the shadows where the men hid. Steve Howard step-

ped out before the approaching stranger.

"Get 'em up and fast," Howard hissed.

"Huh?" Jerry Kelly's thoughts tumbled suddenly about him. Then he laughed. "If I got anything that's worth taking, help yourself."

"A wise guy," snarled Howard.

Dutch, coming up, sneered through the darkness. "He's playin' foxy. Give 'im something to shut him up!"

"Yeah," Howard agreed. The gun spoke for him.

A yellow burst of flame, the acrid smell of powder and then a groan, as Kelly sank to the ground. Another burst of flame and more burned powder and Kelly lay still. He did not move again. He was dead.

"Drag him out near the arc lamp," whispered Steve Howard. "We don't want to miss nothin'."

The body lay face upward on the ground and Dutch Barnes tore at the buttons that fastened the victim's coat. Suddenly Dutch's jaw dropped. "Gosh, Steve, this ain't Weeks!" he said hoarsely. "*We killed the wrong guy!*"



Down the street a horse's hoofs clattered, wagon springs squeaked under the weight of people riding nearer to the scene of the crime.

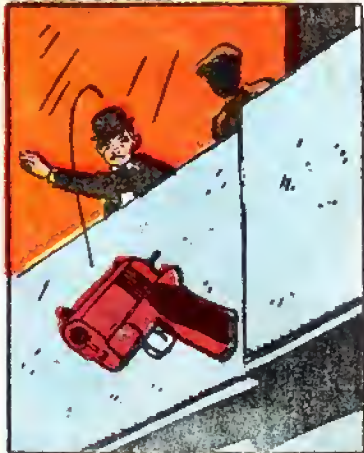
"Let's get out of here!" said Dutch. "Get this guy out of the light!"

Dragging the body to the sidewalk, and dropping it in the darkness beyond the light of the arc lamp, the two made off into the night.

The thugs did not stop until they were well away from the scene. Then, circling the place where the deed had been done, they reached the bridge that crossed the river leading into the city. Here Steve Howard threw the gun over the bridge rail into the water below. As he turned back from the rail to continue on into the city, he saw that the bridge-tender had been watching him.

"What are you doing here?" the tender asked. "What did you throw over the rail?"

"A whiskey bottle," Howard replied. "Only an empty booze bottle!"



Moving on, the tall Dutch Barnes said, "This business gives me the jitters."

"Don't go soft," Steve

Howard answered harshly. "They ain't got a single chance of finding us. We ain't known in this burg, an' the guy we bumped off ain't



gonna finger us."

How wrong they were, those two wise guys! Detectives William Knight and Pat Heist had charge of the investigation. Identification of the victim was established almost at once by papers that were in the pocket of his coat.

It became the detectives' unhappy job to tell the grief-stricken father of the death of his son. From the father he learned of Diane Layton. Diane was heartbroken, but she was also brave. Brave enough to tell all she knew of the rival, George Field, and the avowed enemy, Joe Martin.

Investigation of the two suspects delayed the case for a few days, while the alibis of the men were checked. It was a complication to find a gun with two bullets exploded in the room of Joe Martin, but the gun was a .38 and the bullets extracted from the body of the un-

fortunate Jerry Kelly were proven to be .44 calibre in size. The suspects were released.

Little by little, in the painstaking, careful way of the police, people were found who could describe the killers. There was the bridge-tender, who had seen the weapon being thrown into the river; there was the waitress who had been expecting a date with the two; there was the bar where the men had spotted Weeks. And last of all, the landlady was found who had rented the men a room.

"Wise guys" they were, as are all criminals. So wise they couldn't face it when the police took them in, but squealed like cornered rats. Pals they were, too. Such pals, that each placed the guilt of murder on the other.

Well, the guilt of murder was placed on BOTH of them. The jury said they should pay with their lives for their crimes. And they did. On January 31, 1902,



both men were hung by the neck until dead. They learned the HARD way that Crime Does NOT Pay!

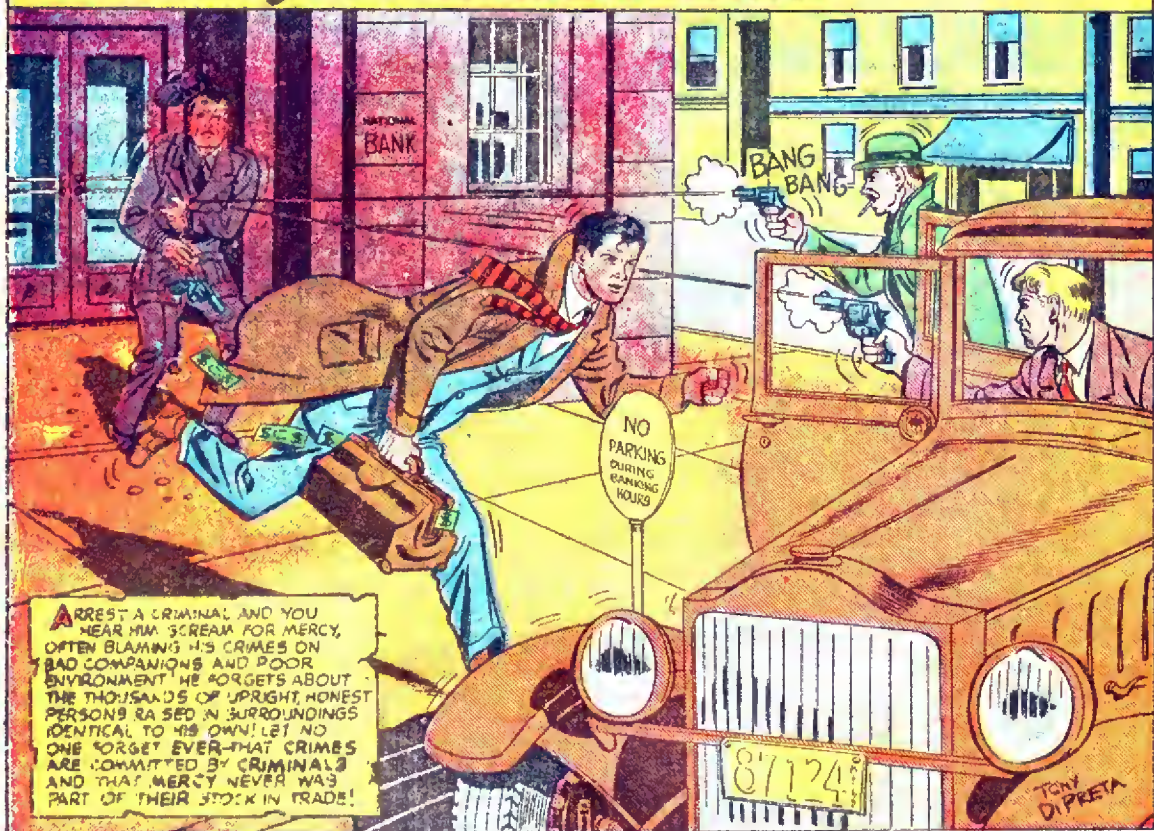
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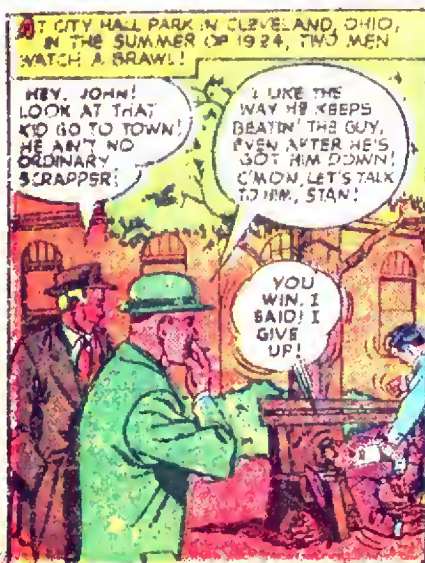


# Frank AND John BUDNIK BAKER

CRIME WAS THE SCHOOL: BAKER, THE TEACHER, AND BUDNIK, THE STAR PUPIL!



ARREST A CRIMINAL AND YOU HEAR HIM SCREAM FOR MERCY, OFTEN BLAMING HIS CRIMES ON BAD COMPANIONS AND POOR ENVIRONMENT. HE FORGETS ABOUT THE THOUSANDS OF UPRIGHT, HONEST PERSONS RAISED IN SURROUNDINGS IDENTICAL TO HIS OWN! LET NO ONE FORGET EVER THAT CRIMES ARE COMMITTED BY CRIMINALS AND THAT MERCY NEVER WAS PART OF THEIR STOCK IN TRADE!



AT CITY HALL PARK IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, IN THE SUMMER OF 1924, TWO MEN WATCH A BRAWL!

HEY, JOHN! LOOK AT THAT KID GO TO TOWN! HE AIN'T NO ORDINARY SCRAPPY!

I LIKE THE WAY HE KEEPS BEATIN' THE GUY, EVEN AFTER HE'S GOT HIM DOWN! C'MON, LET'S TALK TO HIM, STAN!

YOU WIN, I SAID! I GIVE UP!



YOU'RE A GOOD LITTLE SCRAPPY! WHERE DID YA LEARN TO MIX IT UP LIKE THAT? WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

MY NAME IS BUDNIK! YA GOTTA BE TOUGH TO WORK IN THE WEST VIRGINIA MINES! I USED TO HAVE A FIGHT THERE EVERY DAY! GET YOUR HANDS OFF, MAC! I DON'T LIKE GUYS WHO ARE TOO FRIENDLY!



THERE AIN'T NO COAL MINES IN CLEVELAND, SO I TAKE IT YOU'RE NOT WORKING! YA WANT A JOB?

SURE - IF THE DOUGH IS GOOD, AND THE WORK AIN'T TOO HARD! I CAME UP HERE TO GET AWAY FROM HARD WORK - IT DON'T AGREE WITH ME!

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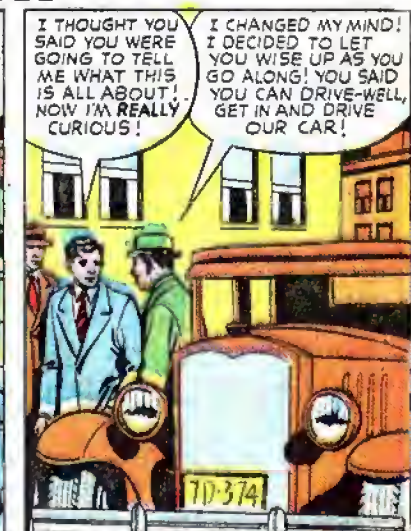
I'VE BEEN LIVIN' OFF YOU FOR A WEEK NOW, BUT I STILL HAVEN'T DONE A LICK OF WORK! I DON'T GET IT! WHEN AM I GONNA START EARNING MY KEEP- AND WHAT SORT OF A RACKET ARE YOU IN, ANYWAY?

JUST TAKE IT EASY, FRANKIE! YOU'LL GET TOLD EVERY- THING IN DUE TIME!



OH, IT'S YOU- YOU HAD ME SCARED FOR A MINUTE! WHY'RE YOU BUST- ING IN LIKE THIS- WHAT'S BREW- ING, JOHN?

GET YOURSELF PACKED, FRANK, AN' MAKE IT SNAP- PY! WE'RE HEADIN' FOR PITTSBURGH! I'LL TELL YOU ON THE WAY!



I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT! NOW I'M REALLY CURIOUS!

I CHANGED MY MIND! I DECIDED TO LET YOU WISE UP AS YOU GO ALONG! YOU SAID YOU CAN DRIVE- WELL, GET IN AND DRIVE OUR CAR!



YOUR CAR! BUT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CAR! OH- OH, I GET IT! WE'RE ROBBING IT! SO THAT'S WHAT THE BIG SECRET WAS! HEY, THAT'S A REAL GUN!

YOU'RE CATCH- ING ON FAST- HERE, IT'S YOURS! DID YOU EVER HANDLE ONE OF THESE BEFORE?



NO, I NEVER DID! BUT WHAT'S HARD ABOUT IT? NOW, I'M REALLY BEGINNING TO SEE DAYLIGHT! YOU WANT ME TO BE YOUR LOOKOUT WHILE YOU AND YOUR PAL PULL A JOB!

YES, BUT THAT'S ONLY PART OF IT! WATCH EVERYTHING CLOSELY! BEING A LOOKOUT IS ONLY YOUR START, KID! PULL OVER AND STOP JUST PAST THIS CANDY STORE! IT'S A SPEAKEASY! START ROLLING THE CAR AS SOON AS YOU SEE US COMIN' OUT THE DOOR!



DRIVE ABOUT FIFTEEN MILES AN HOUR- WE'LL JUMP ON THE RUNNING BOARD WHILE IT'S GO- ING- AND KEEP THE DOOR OPEN!

AN' IF YOU SEE A COP, TOOT THE HORN THREE TIMES!



OKAY, MISTER! GET YOUR HANDS UP WHERE I CAN SEE 'EM! WHERE DO YOU KEEP THE MOOLA?

RIGHT HERE, UNDER THE COUNTER! SURE, TAKE THE DOUGH- AND I'LL EVEN EMPTY MY POCKETS, BUT FOR PETE'S SAKE, DON'T SHOOT!



I TOLD YOU TO GET YOUR HANDS UP! I'LL HELP MY- SELF TO IT! GET OUT FROM BEHIND THAT COUNTER!

BELIEVE ME, BUD, I GOT TO UNLOCK THIS CASH DRAWER FOR YOU FIRST, THAT'S ALL!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOU LOUSY RATS! YOU DON'T LIKE IT WHEN SOMEBODY HAS AN EVEN CHANCE, DO YA?

YOU GO AHEAD, JOHN! I'LL COVER YOUR EXIT- UGH!

STEP ON IT, STAN! WHEN HE HEARS ALL THIS SHOOTIN', THE KID MIGHT GET NERVOUS AN' DRIVE OFF WITH- OUT US!

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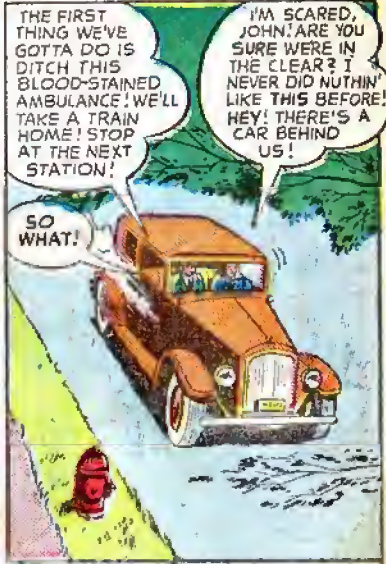
JOHN, I'M DYIN'! GET ME TO A HOSPITAL-QUICK!

THAT'S THE DUMBEST THING I COULD DO! THERE'S A SMALL TOWN ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM HERE! I'VE GOT AN IDEA THAT'LL WORK OUT FINE FOR ALL OF US!



IS THIS YOUR GREAT IDEA? LEAVIN' ME LYIN' IN THE STREET? PLEASE, JOHN, GET ME TO A DOCTOR!

BELIEVE ME, STAN, THIS IS THE BEST WAY! WE'LL LEAVE YA' HERE, LIKE YOU WAS ROBBED! SOMEBODY'S BOUND TO GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL! ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS KEEP YOUR LIP BUTTONE!



SO WHAT!

THE FIRST THING WE'VE GOTTA DO IS DITCH THIS BLOOD-STAINED AMBULANCE! WE'LL TAKE A TRAIN HOME! STOP AT THE NEXT STATION!

I'M SCARED, JOHN! ARE YOU SURE WERE IN THE CLEAR? I NEVER DID NUTHIN' LIKE THIS BEFORE! HEY! THERE'S A CAR BEHIND US!



WILL YA' PLEASE CALM DOWN! YOU'RE STARTIN' TO GET ME JUMPY-TAKING THE CONDUCTOR FOR A COP! COOL OFF, WILL YA'!

MAYBE YOU'RE NOT WORRIED, BUT I AM! SUPPOSE SOMEONE SAW US DO IT! WHAT IF STAN YAPS TO THE COPPERS?



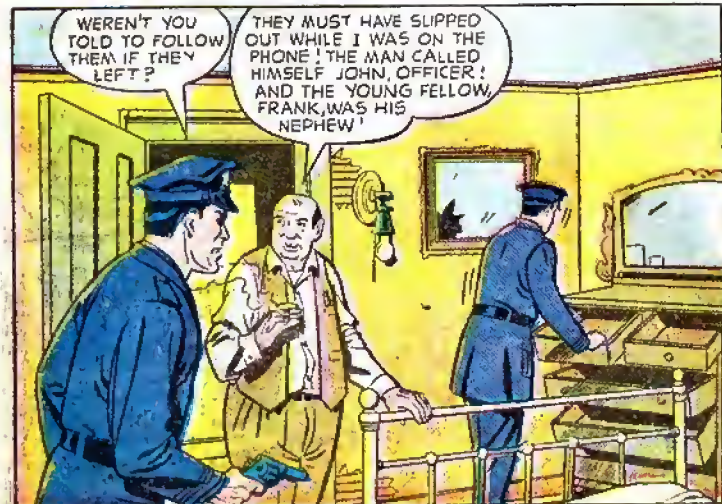
IF STAN SINGS TO THE COPPERS, THEY'LL NAB US FOR SURE! I HOPE HE DIES! HE'S GOT TO DIE!

I THOUGHT OF FINISHING HIM OFF, BUT I HAD NUTHIN' AGAINST THE GUY! MAYBE HE WON'T TALK!



HELLO? POLICE STATION? I THINK I MAY BE ROOMING THE TWO PALS OF THE BIRD WHO WAS SHOT UP IN THAT HOLDUP, LAST NIGHT!

DON'T LET 'EM KNOW YOU SUSPECT THEM! WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER! IF THEY LEAVE, FOLLOW THEM! WHAT'S YOUR ADDRESS?



WEREN'T YOU TOLD TO FOLLOW THEM IF THEY LEFT?

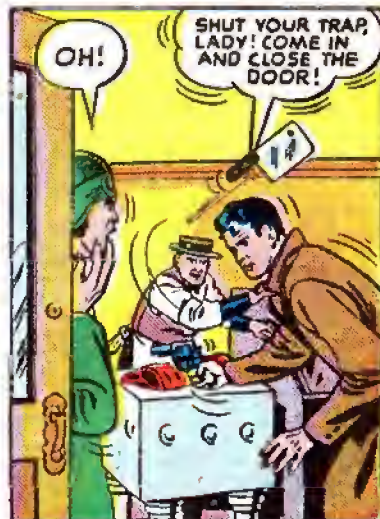
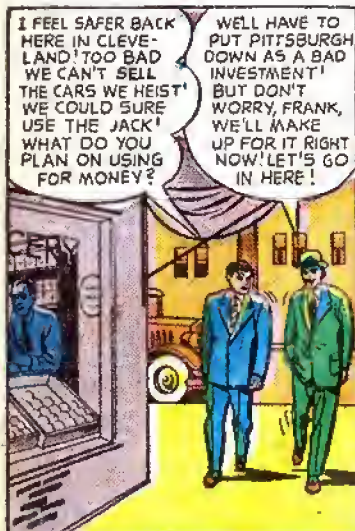
THEY MUST HAVE SLEPPED OUT WHILE I WAS ON THE PHONE! THE MAN CALLED HIMSELF JOHN, OFFICER! AND THE YOUNG FELLOW, FRANK, WAS HIS NEPHEW!



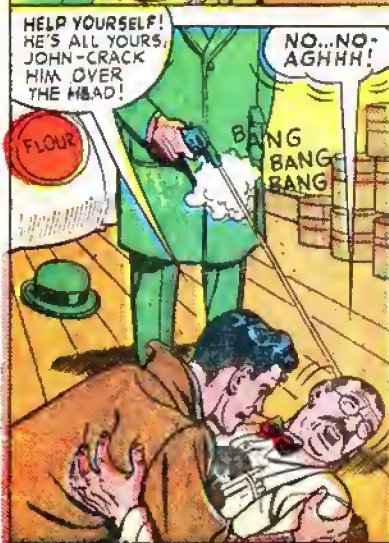
YOU'RE LIKE A SON TO ME, FRANK, I KNOW YOU'LL NEVER TRY TO DOUBLE-CROSS ME, OR SING TO THE COPS LIKE THAT SQUEALIN' STAN! I GOT GREAT PLANS FOR US!

OKAY WITH ME, JOHN! I AIN'T SCARED OF NUTHIN'-EXCEPT KILLIN'! I'LL PACK A ROD FOR SHOW, BUT YOU GOTTA DO ALL THE SHOOTIN'!

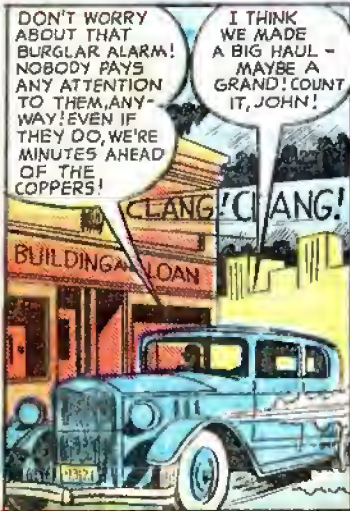
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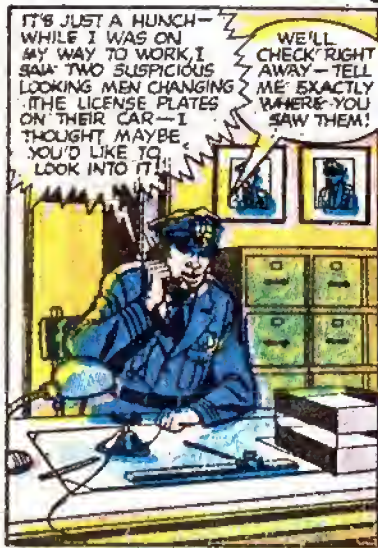
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IT'S JUST A HUNCH—WHILE I WAS ON MY WAY TO WORK, I SAW TWO SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING MEN CHANGING THE LICENSE PLATES ON THEIR CAR—I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO LOOK INTO IT!

WE'LL CHECK RIGHT AWAY—TELL ME EXACTLY WHERE YOU SAW THEM!



I THINK THEY'RE COPS, FRANKIE! JUST DON'T LET ON YOU NOTICE 'EM! MAYBE THEY'LL PASS US BY, BUT KEEP YOUR HAND ON YOUR ROD—JUST IN CASE!

LET'S HOP IN THE CAR AND BEAT IT! I DON'T WANNA GET MIXED UP IN NO COP-KILLING!



TAKE COVER, AL! THEY'RE ARMED...

ALL RIGHT, KID! JUST LEAVE THE FIREWORKS TO ME! YOU GO AN' GET THE CAR STARTED!

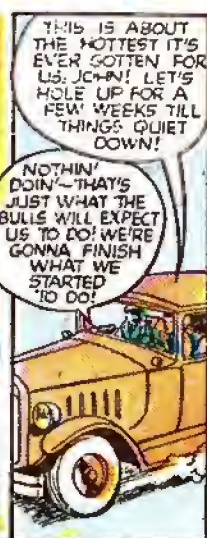
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ON YOUR TISS, CHIEF! ROAD-BLOCK EVERY HIGHWAY FROM THE CITY—DON'T LET THOSE KILLERS ESCAPE!



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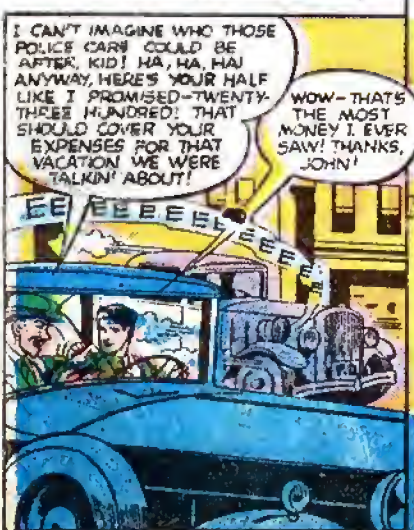


THIS IS ABOUT THE HOTTEST IT'S EVER GOTTEN FOR US, JOHN! LET'S HOLE UP FOR A FEW WEEKS TILL THINGS QUIET DOWN!

NOTHIN' DOIN'—THAT'S JUST WHAT THE BULLS WILL EXPECT US TO DO! WE'RE GONNA FINISH WHAT WE STARTED TO DO!



IF I SEE ONE OF YOU SO MUCH AS BREATHE, I'LL KILL YOU ALL! YOU, THE GUY WITH THE OVERCOAT, CAN START THE PARADE INTO THE VAULT! GET GOIN'—ALL OF YOU!



I CAN'T IMAGINE WHO THOSE POLICE CARS COULD BE AFTER, KID! HA, HA, HA! ANYWAY, HERE'S YOUR HALF LIKE I PROMISED—TWENTY-THREE HUNDRED! THAT SHOULD COVER YOUR EXPENSES FOR THAT VACATION WE WERE TALKIN' ABOUT!

WOW—THAT'S THE MOST MONEY I EVER SAW! THANKS, JOHN!



HELLO, JOHN, THIS IS FRANK! MARY AND I JUST GOT MARRIED! I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW! I GUESS THAT ABOUT WASHES UP OUR PARTNERSHIP!

THAT 22%!! FOOL!! HE DID IT! HE'LL BE COMIN' BACK WHEN HE STARTS GETTIN' LOW ON CASH!

GOOD LUCK, KID! DON'T FORGET TO SEND ME YOUR ADDRESS! I'D LIKE TO SEND YOU A WEDDIN' PRESENT!

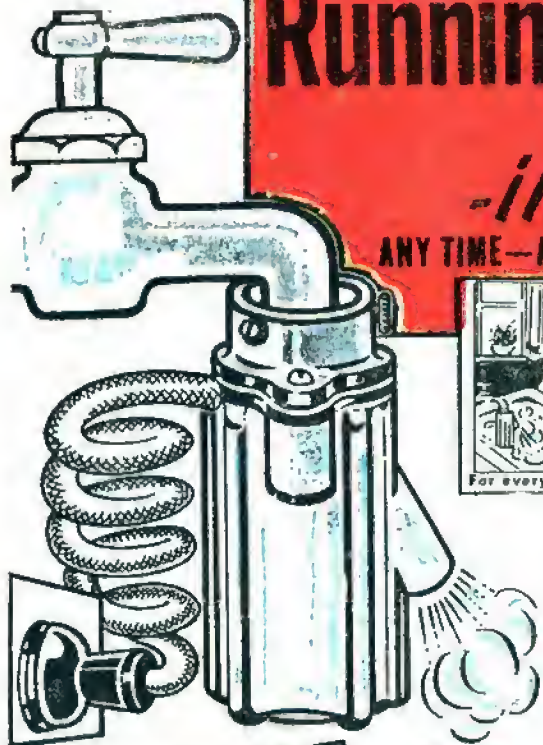


WHAT'S THE MATTER, SON—DOWN ON YOUR LUCK? HOW ABOUT JOININ' ME IN A CUP OF COFFEE?

SURE, WHY NOT? I'D TAKE A CHANCE ON ANYTHIN'! I'M SO LOW, I CAN'T GO LOWER!

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WHEN BERTHA GIFFORD MOVED TO CATAWISSE, MISSOURI IN 1917, KINDNESS ITSELF SEEMED TO HAVE MOVED IN...



I'M BERTHA GIFFORD, YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR! I HEARD YOUR WIFE WAS TAKEN SICK! I'D LIKE TO HELP NURSE HER! I'M AN AWFULLY GOOD NURSE, REALLY!

WHY, THAT'S RIGHT NEIGHBORLY OF YOU, MISS GIFFORD! COME IN!

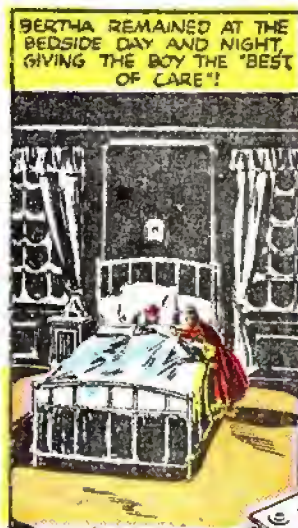
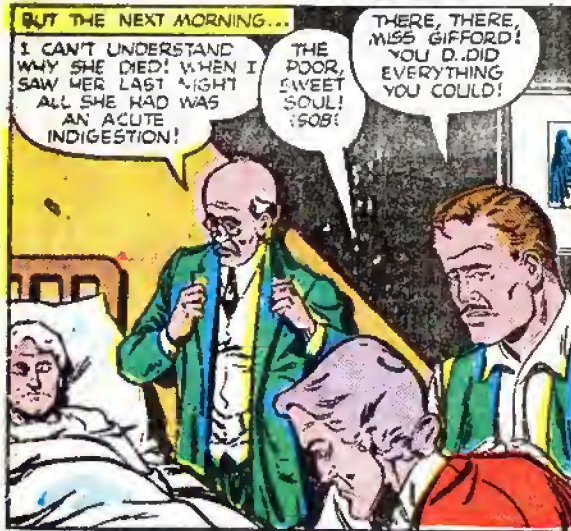


NOW YOU JUST GO AHEAD WITH YOUR WORK AND DON'T WORRY A BIT TONIGHT! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE PATIENT!

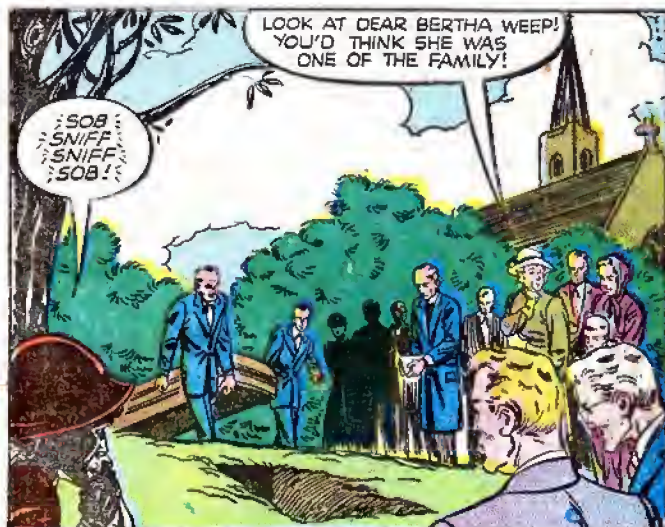
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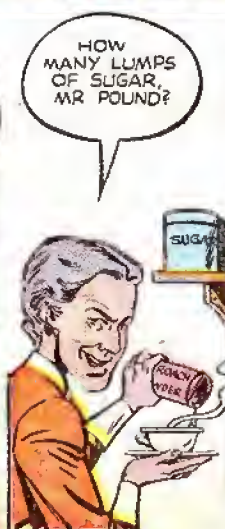
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BERTHA REFUSED AID TO NO MAN! SHE WAS ESPECIALLY KIND TO DRUNKS— LIKE SHERMAN POUND...



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AND DIDN'T MR. SHERMAN FIND THAT OUT LATER!



DIED OF A STOMACH ATTACK FROM ACUTE ALCOHOLISM! NO, SIR, NO ALCOHOLIC COMES TO A GOOD END!

AND SO IT WENT THROUGH THE YEARS! BERTHA WAS FIRST TO NURSE THE PATIENT, AND FIRST TO ATTEND HIS FUNERAL! MANY FAMILIES FELT INDEBTED TO HER...



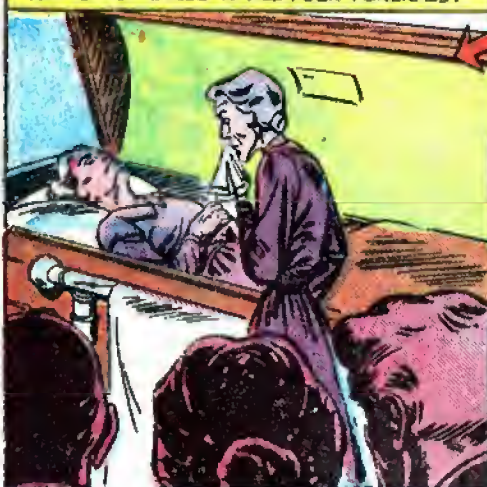
THERE WERE THE STUHLFELDERS- BERTHA NURSED THE BABY WITH PNEUMONIA...



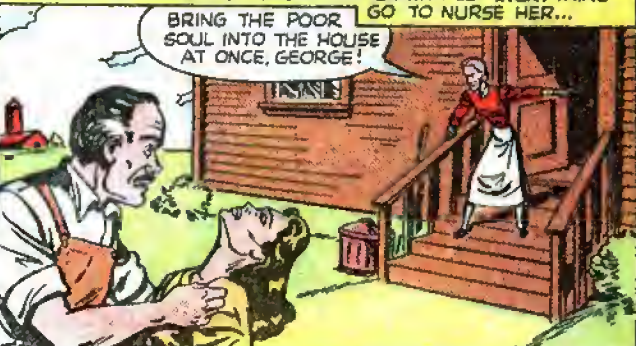
THEN IN 1923, ANOTHER DAUGHTER SUFFERED A STOMACH COMPLAINT!



BUT NONE OF THEM RECOVERED! BERTHA WORE HER BLACK DRESS TO ALL FOUR FUNERALS!



NEITHER DID BERTHA NEGLECT HER OWN HOUSEHOLD! WHEN IN 1925, MRS. GEORGE SCHAMEL, YOUNG WIFE OF BERTHA'S HIRED MAN, SUFFERED AN ATTACK OF GASTRITIS... BERTHA LET EVERYTHING GO TO NURSE HER...



AND AFTER MRS. SCHAMEL'S FUNERAL, BERTHA TOOK THE TWO SCHAMEL BOYS, LLOYD, NINE, AND ELMER, SEVEN, HOME WITH HER...



ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE BERTHA GIFFORD, BEING SO KIND?

BUT THE BOYS DIDN'T STAY LONG! BOTH WERE STRICKEN WITH VIOLENT STOMACH PAINS AND DIED...



DON'T TAKE ON SO, BERTHA! IT'S FATE, THAT'S WHAT IT IS!

BUT TH..THEY WERE SO Y..YOUNG TO DIE...! SOB!

# OBEY THE LAW

IN 1926, AFTER A WEEK'S NURSING, BERTHA DIDN'T ATTEND 3-YEAR-OLD BEULAH POUND'S FUNERAL! THIS IS WHY...

BERTHA DID IT, I TELL YOU! MY BROTHER, SHERMAN, DIED THE SAME WAY IN 1917 AFTER SHE GAVE HIM COFFEE!

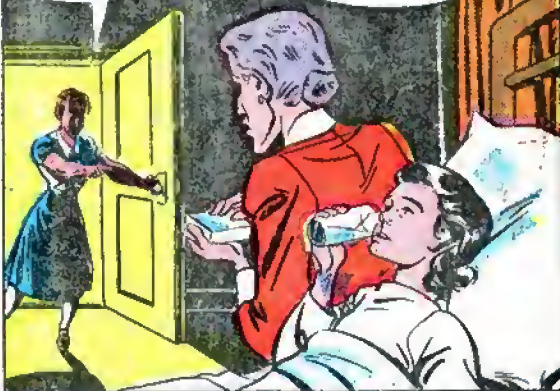
FOR SAYING THAT, MRS. POUND, I SHALL NOT ATTEND THE FUNERAL! I WON'T GO WHERE I'M NOT WELCOMED!



THE FIRST SEED OF SUSPICION HAD BEEN SOWN! CLOSER WATCH WAS KEPT ON BERTHA'S NURSING ROUTINES!

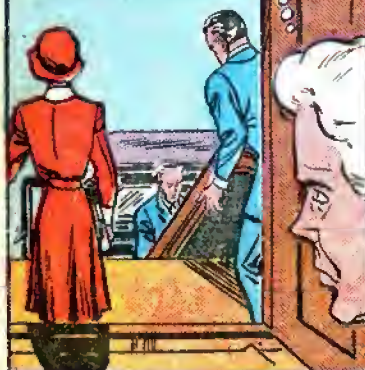
BERTHA GIFFORD! WHAT IS THAT BOX IN YOUR HAND?

B...BOX...WH. WHY. A HOME PREPARATION, THAT'S ALL! GOOD FOR LITTLE MARY, TOO!



SO GOOD WAS BERTHA'S MIXTURE, THAT 7-YEAR-OLD MARY BRINLEY DIED THE NEXT MORNING!

I'M GOING TO HAVE THAT WOMAN EXAMINED BY THE POLICE!...WHO KNOWS WHAT WAS IN THAT BOX?



MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, I WANT THAT GIFFORD WOMAN INVESTIGATED! EVERY PATIENT SHE'S NURSED DIED FROM GASTRITIS, LIKE MY NIECE, MARY!

AN AMAZING COINCIDENCE, OR IS IT? FIVE GASTRITIS DEATHS IN ONE FAMILY ALONE! I SHALL CERTAINLY INVESTIGATE!



YEP! BERTHA GIFFORD BUYS MORE ARSENIC THAN ALL MY CUSTOMERS PUT TOGETHER!

THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW! I'M ORDERING AN AUTOPSY!



SEVERAL BODIES WERE EXHUMED. ALL OF THEM CONTAINED...

ARSENIC! ENOUGH TO KILL TEN MEN!

THE DEATH!! A FIEND! PICK HER UP, JONES, FOR MURDER!



AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...A FULL CONFESSION! THEN...

BUT WHY, BERTHA! WHY DID YOU KILL SO MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE?

I DIDN'T KILL THEM... JUST PUT THEM OUT OF THEIR MISERY! BESIDES, I DO LOVE WEARING MY BLACK DRESS TO FUNERALS!



CONVICTED OF NINETEEN KNOWN POISONINGS, BERTHA WAS SENTENCED FOR LIFE TO A PRISON FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE WHERE SHE CAN'T WEAR HER BLACK DRESS OR ATTEND ANY FUNERALS, UNTIL HER OWN!

CRIME DOES NOT PAY!



the end

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# BAD SKIN?

Stop Worrying About Pimples, Blackheads  
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## CLEARER IN JUST ONE SHORT WEEK

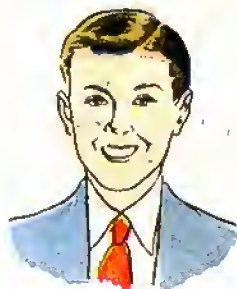
Have you ever stopped to realize that the leading screen stars whom you admire, as well as the beautiful models who have lovely, soft white skin, were all born just like you with a lovely smooth skin?

The truth is that many girls and women do not give their skin a chance to show off the natural beauty that lies hidden underneath those externally caused pimples, blackheads and irritations. For almost anyone can have the natural, normal complexion which is in itself beauty. All you have to do is follow a few amazingly simple rules.

Many women shut themselves out of the thrills of life—dates, romance, popularity, social and business success—only because sheer neglect has robbed them of the good looks, poise and feminine self-assurance which could so easily be theirs. Yes, everybody looks at your face. The beautiful complexion, which is yours for the asking, is like a permanent card of admission to all the good things of life that every woman craves. And it really can be yours—take my word for it!—no matter how discouraged you may be this very minute about those externally caused skin miseries.

Medical science gives us the truth about a lovely skin. There are small specks of dust and dirt in the air all the time. When these get into the open pores in your skin, they can in time cause the pores to become larger and more susceptible to dirt particles, dust and infection. These open pores begin to form blackheads which become in-

fectured and bring you the humiliation of pimples, blackheads or other blemishes. When you neglect your skin by not giving it the necessary care, you leave yourself wide open to externally caused skin miseries. Yet proper attention with the double Viderm treatment may mean the difference between enjoying the confidence a fine skin gives you or the embarrassment of an ugly, unbeautiful skin that makes you want to hide your face.



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Incidentally, while your two jars and the doctor's directions are on their way to you, be sure to wash your face as often as necessary. First use warm water, then cleanse with water as cold as you can stand it, in order to freshen, stimulate and help close your pores. After you receive everything, read your directions carefully. Then go right to it and let these two fine formulas help your dreams of a beautiful skin come true.

Just mail your name and address to Betty Memphis, care of the New York Skin Laboratory, 206 Division Street, Dept. 423, New York 2, N. Y. By return mail you will receive the doctor's directions, and both jars, packed in a safety-sealed carton. On delivery, pay two dollars plus postage. If you wish, you can save the postage fee by mailing the two dollars with your letter. If you are in any way dissatisfied, your money will be cheerfully refunded. To give you an idea of how fully tested and proven the Viderm double treatment is, it may interest you to know that, up to this month, over two hundred and twelve thousand women have ordered it on my recommendation. If you could only see the thousands of happy, grateful letters that have come to me as a result, you would know the joy this simple treatment can bring. And, think of it!—the treatment must work for you, or it doesn't cost you a cent.

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